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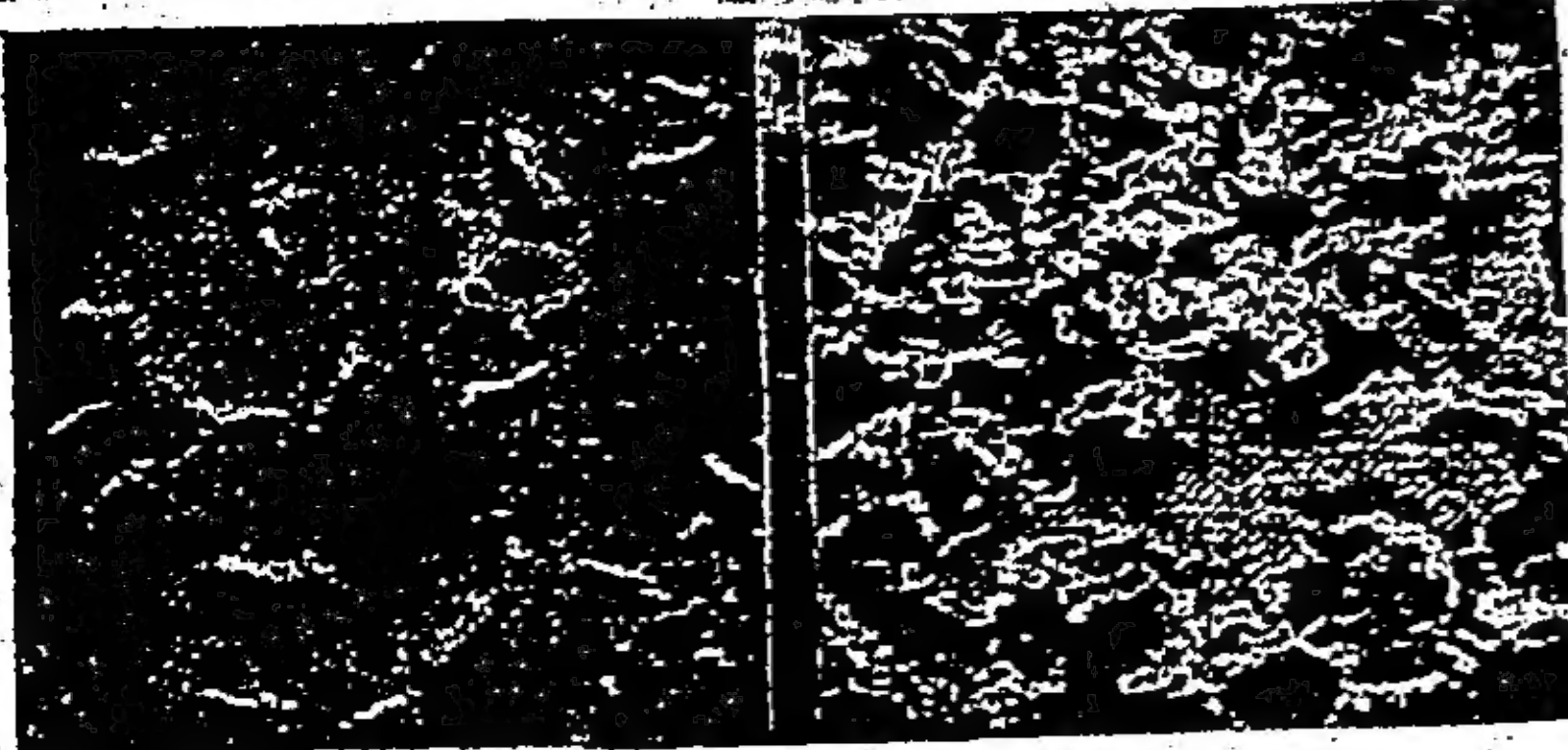
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The Interports batted first, but made a poor start. For Stewart was lb.w. to Vallack in trying to turn a short one to leg. The ball came off much too fast for the shot to be played. At all events at that period in his innings. Balhatchett succeeded, but after shaping nicely was bowled by a good one from Cantrell which came back and took his off stick. Morris went almost at once, mis-timing Cantrell's slower ball and putting it straight back to him. Ramsay also shaped nicely, but F. N. Young bowled him with a beautiful off-break, and two balls later scattered Hargreaves' wicket. At this period things looked black for the batting side, although Quick had been playing a patient and watchful innings from the start. Apart from a very difficult chance at the wicket, given early on when he played back to Vallack, he had never looked like getting out. Then Stripp joined him and a fine stand was made. Ramsay came slowly, as was natural with the extra fielder, for all the bowlers kept a good length. It was not until the score reached 96 that Young got a fine ball past Quick's defence. The retiring batsman had played a very characteristic innings, watching the ball carefully and cutting square with great precision. Armstrong followed, and opened shakily, but he was limping from his damaged knee, which must have been handicapping him. He got 21 by hard hitting, though he lifted the ball rather too much for safety. He was beautifully taken by Hayward who had to run back 12 yards or more for a scooped up drive. Stripp, shortly after, was caught at mid-on by Pearce off a hard hit and a few minutes later the innings was declared closed.

about 4.15 p.m. presumably to give the Interports a good try out in the field. The earlier batsman all gave the impression of being likely to make runs, while it was most encouraging to find the later men developing staying power. It has been pointed out—and rightly. I think—that if there are no great number of stars in the batting, the whole team is a very level one in this department.

STAY-AT-HOMES' INNINGS.

The Stay-at-Homes innings was opened by Hayward and Jotham, to the bowling of Bowker and Reed. The former gave Hayward a couple of full-scenes outside the off-stump in his first over which the batsman put past point for four apiece. He was playing very pretty cricket, when he had a clip as Bowker's slow ball and was easily caught at second slip. Sayer was next in, but found the bowling very sound and was twenty minutes at the wicket before scoring. Jotham was playing free cricket, but was lucky, being dropped both by Balhatchett and Morris. It is only fair to state, however, that neither were any chances. Sayer played some nice shots, and the score was taken to 81 before Bowker knocked his off stump out of the ground. Walker and Quick had previously had a turn with the ball, without success. Reed also resumed, and Sayer was dropped off him by Morris. The fieldman made amends, however, by taking a skier from Pafford of Reed, at the third attempt. Shortly after, Pearce came in. Sayer was smartly stumped off Reed by Stripp. Neither Lummer nor Cantrell stayed long, but Pearce played nice cricket until he was lb.w. in trying to pull Reed. Just after half past six Hamilton was taken by Balhatchett at extra-cover. Time was then called, leaving the match drawn.

Bowker and Reed howled excellently, especially the latter who had very little luck. The holding was fair but it can be improved and doubtless will be.

R. ABART.

Scores and analyses:

1st Innings.

Rev. E. K. Quick, b Young	42
E. F. Stewart, lb.w., b Vallack	3
H. N. Balhatchett, b Cantrell	9
Capt. E. W. Morris, c and b Cantrell	0
A. W. Ramsay, b Young	6
Pay-Lt.-Cdr. Hargreaves, R.N., b Young	0
C.Q.M.S. Stripp, c Pearce, b Pafford	29
Capt. Armstrong, c Hayward, b Pafford	21
H. E. Hollands, c Vallack, b Pafford	8
A. C. I. Bowker, not out	0
Byes	27
Leg bye	1
Wide	1
No ball	1
Total (for 9 wickets)	148

Capt. Walker and E. B. Reed did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.	O.	M.	R.	W.
Vallack	9	2	24	1
Cantrell	12	1	32	2
Young	10	3	11	3
Pafford	10.3	1	32	3
Hamilton	4	0	13	0
Sayer	2	0	16	0

"STAY-AT-HOMES."

A. W. Hayward, c Walker, b Bowker	18
Lt.-Cdr. Jotham, R.N., b Bowker	42
G. R. Sayer, st. Stripp, b Reed	15
Pay-Lt.-Cdr. Pafford, R.N., c Morris, b Reed	5
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Lt.-Col. Cantrell, b Bowker	4

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E. W. Hamilton, c Balhatchett, b

Walker

L. D. McNicoll, not out

Extras

Total (for 8 wickets)

W. Galloway, F. N. Young, and

G. R. Vallack did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

Bowker

Reed

Walker

Quick

Balhatchett

K.C.C. v. UNIVERSITY.

The Kowloon Cricket Club entertained

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missed for 72, wickets falling rapidly

towards the close.

Scores:—

UNIVERSITY.

A. A. Rumjahn, b Goodwin

B. P. Ng, b Lyl

A. S. Hett, c Duncan, b Lyl

C. W. Lam, lb.w., b Fletcher

J. L. Youngs, b Goodwin

T. O. Yeow, run out

S. O. Shababudin, b Lyl

S. Hachima, run out

J. Noronha, not out

Dr. M. B. Osman, hit wicket, b

Goodwin

Sir Claud Severn, b Goodwin

Extras

Total

Bowling Analysis.

Goodwin

Lyl

Fletcher

K.C.C.

S. Jor, c Hachima, b Rumjahn

J. C. Lyl, c Noronha, b Sir Claud

Severn

L. A. R. Duncan, c Hett, b Rum-

jahn

G. Lee, c Yeow, b Rumjahn

K. R. Macaskill, b Sir Claud

Severn

B. Petheram, c Noronha, b Rum-

jahn

F. Goodwin, b Shababudin

H. Overy, c Yeow, b Rumjahn

J. C. Fletcher, c Ng, b Shaba-

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E. G. Jordan, not out

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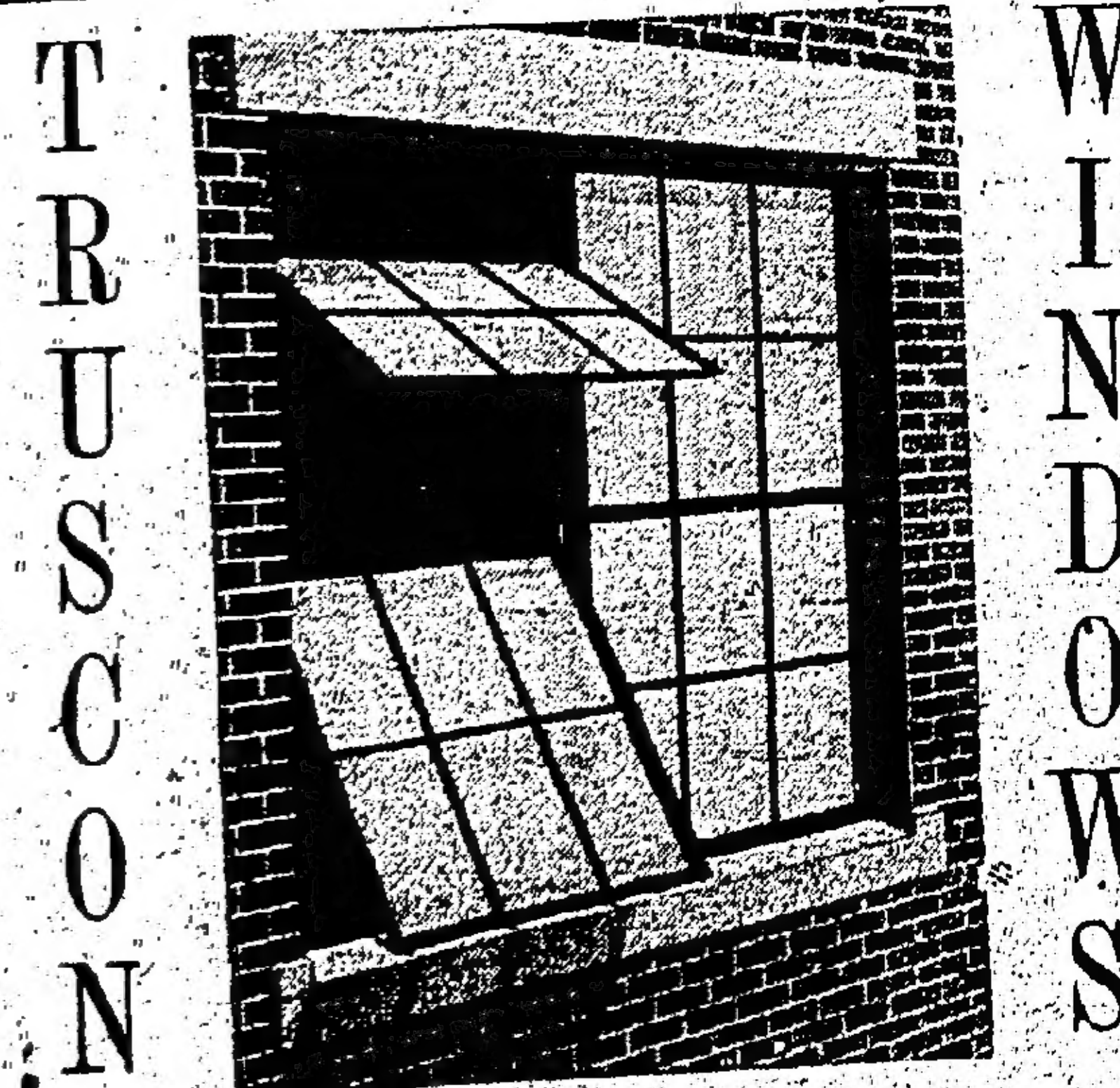
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COMPANY MEETING.

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The first ordinary yearly meeting of shareholders in China Underwriters, Limited, was held on Saturday morning at the offices of Messrs. Shewan, Tomes & Co., St. George's Building, Chater Road. Mr. R. G. Shewan presided, and there were also present: Messrs. A. Cameron, C. P. Marcel, Li Tse Fong, Mok Ching Kong, C. A. de Roza and Tsang Fook (Consulting Committee); Mr. R. Farrington (Secretary to the Company); and Messrs. H. H. Taylor, W. J. Carroll, Fung Tat Hang, D. W. Munton, F. M. Crawford and John Fleming (shareholders).

After the Secretary had read the notice convening the meeting.

The CHAIRMAN said: Gentlemen.—The Report and Accounts for the year ending December 31st, 1924, having been in your hands for some days, I will, with your permission, dispense with reading them now. This is our first year of business, but it takes more than twelve months to organise and get into full working order a company such as this. We have had to choose and appoint agents in various parts of the world, and this part of the work is by no means finished yet.

With regard to Fire and Marine business, no time was lost; as we were able to commence business very soon after the Company was registered. Mr. Roydon Farrington, who had been in charge of Messrs. Shewan, Tomes & Co.'s Insurance Department, was appointed Manager and Secretary of the Company and the very good nucleus of business formerly transacted by that department was taken over by us smoothly and without delay.

With the Life Department, however, we had to start from the very beginning with no previous good-will to fall back on. Fortunately, we were able to secure at once the services of an Actuary of the Company, Mr. H. R. Sturt, F.I.A., who has had a long experience in Life Assurance Business in the Far East. Our Actuary arrived in the middle of August at the end of June, and by the middle of August we were in a position to issue life policies. In view of the very short time covered by the accounts the new business figures are, in his opinion, very satisfactory and moreover the premium income in this branch has more than doubled since the date of the account.

The expense of procuring Life Business falls mainly in the first year and in addition, in the case of a new Company, the cost of establishing a Head Office, organisation and agencies has to be borne before they become productive. It is probable, therefore, that the expenses in this Branch will exceed the revenue for at least another twelve months, and it is unlikely that an actuarial profit will be shown for some few years.

ACTUARY IS SATISFIED.

The Actuary assures us that he is quite satisfied with the organisation so far, and is of opinion that the cost of establishment has been light, effective arrangements having been made for writing Life Assurance Business in Hongkong and District and Agencies having been established in Shanghai, Canton, Straits Settlements, Ceylon and Rangoon.

In Shanghai, where there is a good field for Life Assurance Business, the following gentlemen have agreed to form a Local Advisory Board:—Messrs. A. D. Bell, C. M. G. Burnie, A. C. Clear, and S. Fessenden.

The figures for Fire and Marine business speak for themselves, and they show the position so far as we can estimate it at the date of the accounts, after holding back 50 per cent. of the Marine premium income and 40 per cent. of the Fire premium income to meet possible losses on risks which have not yet run out. By doing this we show an estimated shortage so far, but on the other hand we hope that \$71,541.32 will prove a liberal allowance for remaining claims (if any).

You will observe that our Fire and Marine expenses for the year, as compared with our premium income, have been considerable, and although a large portion of the accounts appearing could be treated as organisation expenses, we prefer to put them all against revenue, and trust you will agree to this.

A part of the expenditure we had to meet during the year under review could fairly have been spread over a period of say three years, if it had been thought advisable. Our expense ratio will, in any case, undoubtedly decrease in proportion with the revenue. I now have pleasure in proposing the adoption of the Report and Accounts as presented, and after this has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer any questions.

Mr. F. M. Crawford seconded, and the report and accounts were carried unanimously.

Mr. W. J. Carroll proposed and Mr. Fung Tat Hang seconded that Messrs. A. Cameron, C. P. Marcel, C. A. de Roza, Li Tse Fong, Mok Ching Kong and Tsang Fook be elected to the Consulting Committee for the ensuing year. This was carried unanimously.

Mr. D. W. Munton proposed and Mr. Tong Hok Ting seconded that Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews and Percy Smith, Seth & Fleming be appointed to act as Auditors for the Company for the ensuing year, at a remuneration to be fixed at the next ordinary yearly meeting. This was carried unanimously.

HONGKONG'S FINANCES.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT FOR
LAST YEAR.

In the current issue of the Government Gazette is a detailed comparative statement of revenue and expenditure for 1924, which shows that during that year the latter exceeded the former by \$2,518,788.72. The period, however, ended with a credit balance of \$13,107,549.29. Land sales were considerably less than in the previous year, the figure for 1924 being \$1,900,235.86 as against \$3,488,797.17 for 1923.

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Kowloon Wharves	117 s.
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Shanghai Docks	1127 nom.
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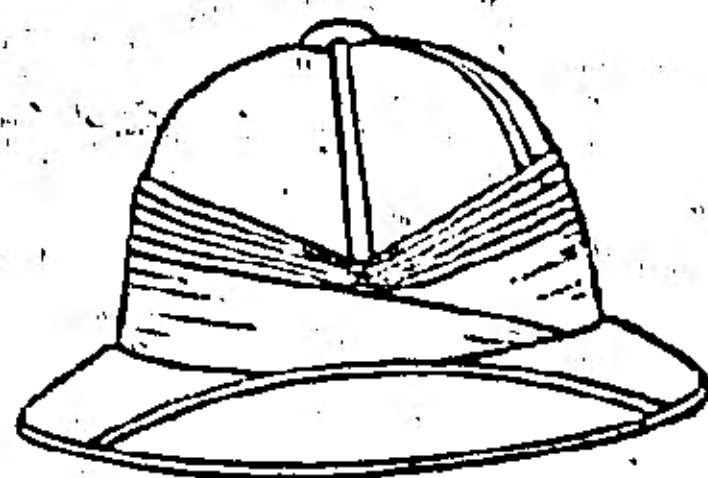
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V.R.C. BOXING.

SATURDAY NIGHT'S CONTESTS.

[BY "SPORTSMAN"]

The contests at the V.R.C. were concluded on Saturday night, when there were eleven bouts for the various championships of the V.R.C. It was a night of much excitement, most of the bouts being well-contested, though a few were lamentably mediocre, and one in particular "being more of a wrestling match than a fight." The special contest between Marine Betts and L.A. Piper was well fought, but a fairer definition would be to call it a "slogging match." Most of the boys' bouts were interesting, a manifestation of courage and much scientific manoeuvring. This was too often lacking in the men's bouts.

The attendance, which was large, mainly consisted of soldiers and sailors, who when one of their comrades won, applauded as vociferously as school boys. Among those present was H.E. the Governor (Sir Edward) Stubbs, K.C.M.G., who presented the prizes at the conclusion.

The results with impressions of each fight are as follows:

BOYS' BANTAMWEIGHTS.—R.H. Ramsay, G.S. (64 lbs.) v. J. Dillon, St. Joseph's (64 lbs.).

Dillon started off in fine style but soon Ramsay found his feet and rushed his opponent. The first round was full of excitement, the two boys each in turn working like battering rams. As the second round began Dillon dodged well and landed a beautiful left to his opponent's chin. Ramsay, however, was the aggressor, but he occasionally was erratic. Dillon's beautiful lefts were a feature of this round but Ramsay's blows were surer and more frequent. The aggressive tactics of Ramsay won him the fight.

MEN'S BANTAMWEIGHTS.—H. Major, Hongkong (9 st. 4 lbs.) v. Boy Flemming, H.M.A.S. Brisbane (7 st. 11 lbs.).

As soon as the gong went Flemming shook his opponent with a left to the chin, and Major replied with two blows to the body. Flemming on six occasions with straight lefts found his opponent's chin but did not disturb Major in this round.

Major shaped well in the second round but he was once severely shaken by Flemming's fine left. Heavy blows to the face were exchanged, the honours being more or less even. Major received three swift left jabs to the chin and a heavy right to the ear in the early part of the third round, but then Major took the aggressive and landed often and heavily. This was a good fight, Flemming showing some fine ringcraft, but Major had the advantage of weight and won narrowly on points.

MEN'S MIDDLEWEIGHTS.—Pte. Eaton, East Surrey (11 st. 2½ lbs.) v. Stoker Thomson, H.M.S. Titania (10 st. 11 lbs.).

The first round was hard fought, but there was much holding—by both men. Eaton missed badly occasionally. Heavy blows were exchanged, but neither was shaken. Thomson was cut over the left eye by Eaton's right at the beginning of the second round but he in turn succeeded with three heavy rights to the jaw. After this holiday was conspicuous; both men being erratic. Thomson missed badly on two occasions but later floored his opponent with a hard right.

The fight was a poor one, there being little skilful fighting. Thomson won.

MEN'S LIGHTWEIGHTS.—A.B. Shaddock, H.M.A.S. Brisbane (9 st. 11 lbs.) v. A.B. Quinn, H.M.A.S. Brisbane (9 st. 9 lbs.).

Much of the first round was taken up by both men playing for an opening with Quinn on the whole the aggressor. Occasionally he rushed in and landing two swift left jabs to the chin tried to get his right home, but Shaddock was wary. The second round was characterised by much holding. Shaddock being warned on one occasion. The round was a poor one. Heavy infighting was waged in the last round, but here again there was too much holding. One would have expected a much better fight. Quinn was adjudged the winner.

BOYS' LIGHTWEIGHTS.—C. Ligores, St. Joseph's (7½ lbs.) v. G. Danenberg, St. Joseph's (7½ lbs.).

Ligores was continually followed around the ring by Danenberg, but he did not allow his opponent to land effective blows. He showed some fine footwork. The first round went to Danenberg as did the second, although he was once sent back by a nasty right. Often Ligores was content to cover up to minimise the effect of his opponent's heavy blows. The last round also went to Danenberg, who was an easy winner.

MEN'S FEATHERWEIGHT.—Scoutman Codner, H.M.S. Cordoba (8 st. 12½ lbs.) v. Dmr. Bowles, East Surrey (8 st. 13 lbs.).

In the first round Bowles got in some good left jabs, but just missed with a hard right. In turn he, too, was shaken with a hard right to the jaw. Codner essayed uppercuts often, but they were warded off throughout the second round. Bowles punished his opponent on the ropes for some time but later he was stopped by two swift rights to the jaw. The third round began with both men fighting hard. Codner landing the heavier and swifter blows, but his efforts to upset his opponent after a left lead were always feeble. He was the chief aggressor and won.

SPECIAL SIX ROUND CONTEST.—Marine Betts, H.M.S. Hawkins (11 st. 1 lb.) v. L.A. Piper, H.M. Submarine L33 (10 st. 5 lbs.). Referee: Lieut. Comdr. Rhodes, R.N.

With the gong Piper rushed his opponent and got home two blows to the chin, and Betts replied with a right to the ear. Both men now stood up and slogged each other on the body and face. Piper was forced onto the ropes and received heavy punishment, but on getting away shook his opponent with a beautiful right, and in turn got him on the ropes and delivered swift blows with both hands to the body. Piper was ahead on points in the first round. The second round began with a hustle, Piper getting home first on his opponent's face, and followed it with rights and lefts to the jaw. Betts replied with heavier blows but he could not land as often as his more agile opponent. Just at the end of the round with a lightning right and a quick turn of the wrist, a la Carpenter, Piper floored Betts for a few seconds. This also was Piper's round. It was visible at the beginning of the third round that both men were tired, with Betts the stronger of the two. Betts got home early with his rights. In-fighting followed, both men raining body blows on each other. Piper was forced to the ropes and was heavily punished, but in turn he too worked his opponent to the ropes. Both men were winded and leaned on each other, their blows weak and sagging. At the end Betts was the stronger. Early in the fourth round Piper got home to the chin and then fell into a clinch. Piper was all but spent and had lost his speed and masterful defence, and Betts added to his discomfort by heavy body blows. In the final round Piper bent on defending his body left his chin unguarded and Betts took advantage, sending home a right from the elbow, with his whole body behind it. Piper went down for the full count. It was a good, slogging fight, with Piper the better boxer, but Betts the stronger.

BOYS' HEAVYWEIGHTS.—A. Randall, D.B.S. (113½ lbs.) v. J. Cunningham, D.B.S. (115 lbs.).

Cunningham started off with a rush and landed heavy body blows. Randall covered himself continually, but was often heavily hit. He was also erratic and unaggressive. The first round was easily Cunningham's. The second was a repetition of the first, Randall bending his head and rushing to be easily thwarted by his opponent who did most of the fighting. Randall in the third round got home an occasional blow, but Cunningham won easily.

MEN'S WELTERWEIGHTS.—A.B. Ringham, H.M.S. Trogonia (10 st. 1 lb.) v. P.O. Meen, H.M.S. Titania (10 st. 3 lbs.). Referee: Lieut. Comdr. Hill, R.N.

The first round was well fought with Allen slightly superior. He occasionally shook his opponent heavily with swift rights. Ringham got home some good left leads but could not get his right in. In the second round both men were cautioned for holding. This was a terrific round, both men exchanging hard blows to the face. Meen tried to get in some terrific upper cuts but Randall was wary. The third round was fiercer than the second, each man taking severe punishment and landing strong, shaking blows. Meen won narrowly on points.

MEN'S HEAVYWEIGHTS.—H. H. Rose, E.A.S. M.A. (13 st. 2 lbs.) v. Bdr. Lodge, R.G.A. (12 st. 5½ lbs.).

The fight began with an exchange of heavy blows, Rose landing often. He was the more aggressive and deadlier hitter, but bled profusely from the nose before the round ended. The result of his opponent's left jabs. In the second round, Lodge continually found his opponent's mouth with his left but he was pushed back by a beautiful right over the left eye. This round also went to Rose. In the third round Lodge's lefts were in evidence but he continually stepped back before his vigorous opponent. Rose won a fair fight.

BOYS' MIDDLEWEIGHT.—K. Giron, St. Joseph's (90 lbs.) v. K. G. Evans, K.B.S. (90 lbs.).

The two boys went at it "hammer and tongs" with Giron aggressive at the start and Evans defending ably. At the end of the round Evans got home some fine lefts to the jaw but Giron countered with heavy rights. The second round began with a rush, and both boys put up a stern fight. Evans was the more aggressive but there was little to choose between them in this round, for whereas Evans missed occasionally, Giron was sure. Evans was knocked down in the third round but soon rose. This was a hard-hitting bout with Giron landing often. Giron won narrowly.

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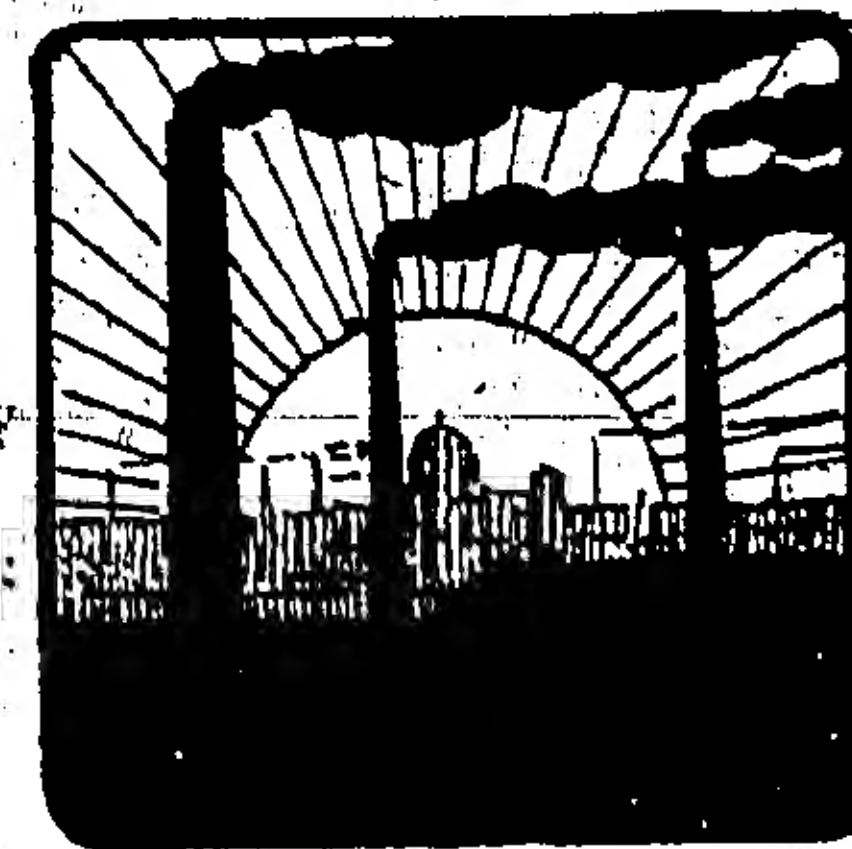
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MR. BAILEY RETURNS THANKS.

This concluded the programme, and before asking H.E. the Governor to present the prizes, Mr. W. S. Bailey said that on behalf of the V.R.C. he desired to thank Lieut. Commanders Young and Hill for refereeing. On behalf of the Club he must also thank the Hongkong Boxing Association for the use of their ring. He was sure that he was not only voicing his own sentiments but those of all who had seen the contests when he expressed his admiration at the fine spirit which had been displayed in the contests. (Applause.)

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Continuing he said he had been for 35 years connected with the Club but he had seen no finer bouts than on this occasion. He was also glad to welcome their Australian friends of H.M.A.S. Brisbane amongst them. (Cheers.)

H.E. the Governor then presented the prizes. The School Challenge Cup was won by St. Joseph's College. The Challenge Cup presented by Mr. A. Rodger for the Men's Lightweight Championship was won by A.B. Quinn, H.M.A.S. Brisbane, and the Rodger H.M.A.S. Challenge Cup by P.O. Meen, H.M.S. Titania. Two special prizes were given by members of the V.R.C. to H. H. Massey, G. S. and J. Gourlay, G.B.S.

Three ringing cheers were then given for H.E. the Governor.

FOOTBALL.

KOWLOON v. HONGKONG POLICE.

To assist the Police branch fund of the Ministering Children's League, a match between the Cup finalists was played on the Railway ground on Saturday last before a fair attendance. McKelvie was absent from the Kowloon team when the game started but came on soon after the first goal was scored.

The Police were early attacking, but offside play relieved. Kowloon took the lead early following appeals for offside, Clarke making no attempt to save a shot from Austin from twenty yards range. Although the Police made several attempts to get on even terms, Kowloon kept them out and for most of the first half had matters fairly easy. Simpson put in a couple of fine runs down the wing but Duncan cleared from his centre. Clarke was kept busy dealing with shots from Hayes and Turner, but the home forwards did not trouble him much. Austin went in a couple of wild shots while Mason and Latham on the wings, invariably sent behind. McKelvie now joined the attack and Kowloon forward line improved. McWalter played a hustling game and got in the way of several good shots. Kowloon went further ahead when Latham sent over from the line and Austin meeting the ball sent in a fast shot which no doubt Clarke would have cleared but McWalter deflected the ball into the net. Duncan cleared from Simpson and the interval arrived with Kowloon leading by two clear goals.

A little reshuffling of the Police team on resuming gave better results but the forward line still lacked combination, while on several occasions it was noticed that the Police were playing four forwards, five halves and one back, a most unusual combination when a team is two goals down. Simpson beat Wheeler several times, while Duncan was lucky to turn away a couple of fine shots from the Police winger. A goal seemed certain for the Police when Post worked his way through and was only three yards from Duncan who, however, turned the ball outside the post. The game was keenly contested but there was no score in the second half and Kowloon were winners by 2 goals to nil.

The teams were:—
Kowloon.—A. Duncan; Wheeler and Reed; Turner, Hayes and Pasco; Latham, McBride, McKelvie, Austin and Mason.

Police.—A. E. Clarke; Wynne and McWalter; Britton, Dewar and Goodwin; Jessop, Post, Johnson, Kirby and Simpson.
At the close of the game, Mr. P. P. J. Wodehouse, A.C.B.F., handed to Mr. McKelvie a small silver cup as a memento

of the occasion, and congratulated both teams on their display. On behalf of the local Committee of the Ministering Children's League he wished to thank both teams for turning out to assist the funds of the League.

S. CHINA v. H.M.S. "HAWKINS."

A friendly game between South China and H.M.S. "Hawkins" was played on the H.K.F.C. ground on Saturday and resulted in a win for the locals by 1 goal to nil. South China were without Lai Wai Tong and Leung Yau Tong, whose places were taken by Choi Ping Fan and Cheung Wing Shing.

The "Hawkins" won the toss and elected to defend the town end goal. Wong Pak Chong started the game for South China, who were early defending but Lai Yut Tat relieved. South China then took up the attack but the ball was sent over the top by a shot from Wong Shiu Wa. Wong Pak Chong with a fine effort found himself with the goalkeeper to beat, but Heathcote saved well from the shot. The "Hawkins" did excellent work in midfield but failed in front of goal. The "Hawkins" left winger bent Lau for possession but delayed his final shot and was beaten by Lai Yut Tat. At the other end Wong Pak Chong sent in a low drive, but Heathcote made a dive at the right moment and turned the ball round the post. The ball was well placed from the flag kick and Wong headed into goal, but the whistle had sounded for the ball going out of play and swerving back into play. Halftime, no score.

Early in the second half the sailors lost the services of their centre-half who fell heavily after jumping to head the ball and had to be assisted of the field, taking no further part in the game. Soon after this accident, South China scored the only goal of the match. Lam Yik Ying sent forward to Choi Ping Fan who made no mistake and beat Heathcote with a fast rising shot. The "Hawkins" then made determined attacks on the South China goal, but the sterling play of the defence kept them out. Just before the final whistle sounded the sailors had had luck, for Lau picked up from a shot by the left wing and threw away just as the inside right charged him. A well contested game ended in a win for South China by the only goal scored. The "Hawkins" were unlucky in losing their centre half for they had quite their share of the game before the accident.

SAIGON RICE MARKET.

Messrs. Wm. G. Hale & Co., Ltd., of Saigon, in their circular dated April 10th, say:—

During the last fortnight, prices have continued to advance and in the last few days have reached the same level as last year at the same period. Some business has been effected principally with Japan, totalling altogether about 30,000 tons, and with Manila, for shipment second half April-May-June. It seems, however, that the strong rise of the last few days is due to the fact that some "Blank sales" had to be converted earlier than expected, producing an important demand for paddy and the prices naturally went up. Market closes firm, without any prospect of easing in the near future.

Arrivals of Paddy continue to be just sufficient to cover immediate requirements and holders who have now sold a good share of their stocks are holding off, expecting better prices.

DR. FRANCIS CLARK.

A VICTIM OF PARALYSIS AFTER PASTEUR INOCULATION.

Many of the older residents of the Colony will remember Dr. Francis Clark, who retired from the Government service about nine years ago after a long and successful career in Hongkong as Medical Officer of Health. We regret to learn that while in charge of the Chinese hospital at Wei-hai-wei, Dr. Clark suffered recently from a most unfortunate manner as a result of the Pasteur treatment against rabies.

It seems that an Airedale dog, belonging to one of the British residents in Wei-hai-wei, was taken to Dr. Clark for examination. There were then no active symptoms of rabies in the dog to be discovered, but soon afterwards the dog died and Dr. Clark, with his usual thoroughness, conducted a post-mortem examination. He came to the conclusion that the cause of the dog's death was, in all probability, "Dumb Rabies" and subsequent tests made on the dog's head in Tientsin confirmed the diagnosis.

Dr. Clark and two other residents in Wei-hai-wei decided to go to Tientsin for treatment.

Dr. Clark was not as far as we can ascertain, actually bitten by the dog, but he had a small wound on the hand which might have been a source of danger. He decided to take precautions. He underwent the Pasteur treatment in Tientsin. Apparently it is possible to have certain complications arising out of the Pasteur treatment, but the cases are rare, being, it is said, only one in 2,000. It seems that Dr. Clark was affected and had to remain in Tientsin for several weeks. He had a long and serious illness, suffering from paralysis. We are glad to learn, however, that he was able to leave the hospital on March 19th and we sincerely hope that by this time he has completely recovered. Dr. Francis was one of the most energetic men who have resided in this Colony. He was the first Medical Officer of Health and was responsible for the organization of the department which looks after matters connected with public health. He was for a period, a member of the Legislative Council. For many years he was Treasurer of the Cathedral, and also of the Seamen's Institute. He was Deputy District Grand Master of English Freemasonry for Hongkong and South China and Dean of the Hongkong College of Medicine and of the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Hongkong.

After leaving the Colony he was in charge of a Sanatorium in England and about three years ago he went to Mukden, Manchuria, as the local resident British doctor. In December 1924 he accepted the appointment at Wei-hai-wei.

We need scarcely add that his many friends in this Colony will wish Dr. Francis Clark a speedy and complete recovery with many years of useful activity. Very few men in the Far East have devoted themselves more unselfishly to their public duties, or have given more freely of limited leisure for the public welfare than Dr. Francis Clark.

HONGKONG BOY SCOUTS.
COMPETITIONS FOR PRINCE OF WALES' BANNER.

In connection with the yearly competitions carried out by the Hongkong Boy Scouts Association for the Prince of Wales' Banner, a Rally was held on Saturday afternoon at Sookunpoo Valley.

Altogether there were some 250 Scouts on parade, these comprising members of 9 competing troops, namely the 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 10th, and 13th troops.

The proceedings were under the command of the Scout Commissioner (the Rev. G. T. Waldegrave); while Mr. A. White (District Scoutmaster and Hon. Secretary), Mr. C. H. Blason (Hon. Treasurer) and Scoutmaster A. Kirk (of the 3rd Troop, which did not compete), were responsible for the judging of the general contests, and Captain Williams judged the amicable competitions.

The proceedings opened with a minute and detailed inspection of the competing troops by the Scout Commissioner, points being awarded for good average turn out, punctuality, correctness of kit, and personal cleanliness. Other competitions included the following squad tests:—Tracking, fire-lighting, map-reading, and knotting. The concluding item of the programme was a troop contest, in which instructions were given in sealed envelopes.

Points in this contest were awarded for correct signalling; neat writing of message; correct treatment of "patient"; stretcher work; improvisation of stretcher; etc.; and management of the squad by the leader in charge.

The points gained by the troops will not be made known until a later date, as they have to be worked out. The Banner is not awarded until the end of September.

RESISTED SEARCH.

PORTUGUESE CLERK FINED.

At the Central Magistrate's Court on Saturday, before Mr. H. R. Batters, Mr. J. M. de Silva, a Portuguese clerk, employed at the Banque Industrielle de Chine, was charged with resisting search at the "Star" Ferry Wharf at 11.40 a.m. on Friday.

Evidence given by Sergeant Dunne and an Indian constable, showed that when told to "lift up his hands" the defendant refused to obey the order. When the constable attempted to lift up defendant's hands, he was pushed away.

Defendant denied that he refused to be searched and said that he was ashamed to have the Indian holding him by the arms, as people would have thought that he was a criminal, or had done something awful.

In imposing a fine of \$25, His Worship remarked that defendant should know that the police had a right to search him.

LOCAL SPORT.

LAWN BOWLS.

SPOON COMPETITIONS AT POLICE CLUB.

In view of the opening of the League on Saturday next, all the Clubs are putting in practice. At the Police Club on Saturday, three rinks played for spoons put up by the Committee. The results were as follows:—

McLeod (Greenwood)	Logan Fender Shepherd (S.) 10	(S.) 18
Taylor J. McLeod A. Clarke West (S.) 17	Murphy Sword Reid Mair (S.) 10	(S.) 18
Dick Field Gladstuning Blackman (S.) 21	Taylor Watt Reynolds Grant (S.) 18	(S.) 18

On the second green an extra head had to be played, both teams being sixteen at the 21st head. On the third green the losing team were down to 25-7 on the eighth head. On the 19th and 20th they scored a five and a six, respectively, but failed to score on the last head.

LEAGUE FIXTURES.

Following are the League fixtures for next Saturday:—

1ST DIVISION.
Taikoo v. Kowloon B.C.
Kowloon C.C. v. Civil Service.
Craigengowrie v. Kowloon Dock.

2ND DIVISION.
Indian R.C. v. Taikoo.
East Point R.C. v. Kowloon C.C.
Police v. Royal Hongkong Yacht Club.

The games are timed to start at 3.30 p.m. sharp, the home team being named first.

KOWLOON BOWLING GREEN CLUB.

The following officers of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club were elected for the coming year:—President, Mr. P. T. Farrell; Vice-President, Mr. J. S. McIntosh; Secretary, Mr. B. Wyllie; Treasurer, Mr. R. Lapley. Committee: Messrs. D. Gow, J. Atkinson, D. Keith, L. Guy, R. Duncan, D. Hazel and A. B. Whibley. Balloting Committee: Messrs. R. E. Nicholls, E. Nish, D. Harvey, C. Bond, J. Synock, and A. J. Allison.

LAWN TENNIS.

H.K.C.C. TOURNAMENT.

The games down for decision this afternoon in the H.K.C.C. Lawn Tennis Tournament are as under:—

Open (Championship) Singles.—Dr. D. J. Valentine v. Ho Ka Lau; F. A. Redmond v. Lim Ping Chin; E. C. Fincher v. E. Tsurumi.

Open (Championship) Doubles.—Lt. Col. Montague Bates and Capt. R. H. P. West v. Yew Man Kit and Lau Fook Ling.

Handicap Doubles.—W. Hyde and B. D. Evans v. L. P. Ralph and A. E. Penn.

Handicap Singles.—P. H. Bon-herman v. A. K. Mackenzie.

HONGKONG RIFLE LEAGUE.

SHOOT AT THE KOWLOON CITY RANGE.

The Hongkong Rifle League held its first rifle meeting at the Kowloon City range during the week-end. On Saturday the programme consisted chiefly of team shoots, when more than 300 riflemen took part.

In the tile-shooting contest, in which the teams had to run 100 yards and then shoot from a range of 200 yards, H.M.S. Hawkins No. 1 team was first, accomplishing the feat in 47 seconds. "C" Company, the East Surrey Regiment, 551 sec.; were second, with "D" Company 581 sec., third.

Attacking Competition.—Here the conditions were that the teams had to double from 400 yards to 300 yards, fire five rounds kneeling, and then fire five rounds standing from 100 yards. The Stonecutters' Range Staff were the winners with 61 hits on the target, H.M.S. Hawkins, 58 hits, were second, while H.M.S. Ambrose, "B," 49 hits, were third.

Musketry Competition.—Conditions: Five rounds deliberate at 200 yards; five rounds snap at 200 yards, and 15 rounds rapid in one minute at 300 yards. Result: Stonecutters' Range Staff, 496 points, 1st; H.M.S. Hawkins No. 1, 492, 2nd; H.M.S. Hawkins No. 2, 487, 3rd.

In connection with the musketry team shoot, an individual shoot took place under the same conditions. Result: Marine Sponder (H.M.S. Hawkins) 81, 1st; Lieut.-Comdr. Fulton (H.M.S. Hawkins) 79, 2nd; Marine Mackie (H.M.S. Despatch) 75, 3rd.

SUNDAY'S RESULTS.

Championship of Colony.—1, Sergt. Atkins (H.M.S. Hawkins), 93; 2, S. A. Keilling (H.M.S. Despatch), 89; 3, Corp. Shaw (H.M.S. Hawkins), 89.

United Services.—1, P. O. Page (H.M.S. Hawkins), 90; 2, Marine Newton (H.M.S. Carlisle), 80; 3, Marine Carrington (Range Staff Stonecutters' Island), 78.

Revolver Pool.—1, Mr. Reynolds; 2, Sergt. Carpenter; 3, Marine Gales.

Revolver Pool.—1, Sub-Inspector Muenab Wilson.

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S.C.A.A. SPORTS.

SUCCESSFUL ATHLETIC MEETING AT HAPPY VALLEY.

The South China Athletic Association renewed their annual athletic meetings yesterday, when they held their third athletic sports on the ground of the Hongkong Football Club at Happy Valley.

The function proved very enjoyable and successful, and was attended by a very large and enthusiastic gathering of the Chinese community, who demonstrated their keen interest in sports in a spontaneous and effectual manner.

THE RESULTS.

The sports were held during the morning and afternoon and the principal results and times as recorded by the officials were as under:—

100 Metres Dash.—1, Lam Yuk Ying, Time: 11.2-3.

400 Metres Relay Race (Chinese "Joy Scouts").—1, 5th Troop. Time: 51.1.

200 Metres Flat Race.—1, Lam Yuk Ying, Time: 24 seconds.

400 Metres Flat Race.—1, A. Howlin, Time: 33.2-3.

Discus Throw.—1, Ng Po Lau. Distance: 23.2-3 metres.

50 Metres Flat Race (Ladies).—1, Lai Po Kuan. Time: 2.1-2.

High Jump.—1, Lung In Choi. Height: 3 feet 2 inches.

300 Metres Flat Race.—1, A. Howlin, Time: 2 minutes 12.3-3 seconds.

Pole Jump.—1, A. Howlin. Height: 10 feet 1 inch.

110 Metres High Hurdle Race.—1, Lam Yuk Ying. Time: 13.2-5.

200 Metres Handicap (Members).—1, Chan Kan Wing. Time: 28.1-3.

Long Jump.—1, Tang Kee Cheong. Distance: 3.4-5 metres.

200 Metres Low Hurdle Race.—1, Lam Yuk Ying. Time: 23.3-3.

Putting the Shot.—1, Kwong Shue Cheong. Distance: 11.14 metres.

200 Metres Flat Race (open to the Colony).—1, D. D. Truquhart; 2, H. Braga; 3, A. E. Carvalho. Time: 23.2-3.

1,500 Metres Flat Race.—1, Ng Tak Wing. Time: 4 minutes 59 seconds.

500 Metres Relay Race.—Won by the St. Paul's Team.

1,000 Metres Relay Race.—Won by the Nam Yung Team.

5,000 Metres Flat Race.—1, Leung Ying Lun. Time: 19 minutes 31.1-5 seconds.

Challenge Cup (for most points gained in the 1st, 3rd, 7th, 10th, 12th, and 15th events).—Won by Lam Yuk Ying (with 20 points); runner-up, Tang Kee Cheong (8 points); 3, Peter Yung (7 points).

The winner of the cup secured first place in four of the six events.

PRIZES PRESENTED.

At the conclusion of the sports, the cups and prizes were distributed by Mrs. Chang In Ting, who also presented the prizes won in March by members of the South China Athletic Association at the 9th Kwangtung Sports.

H.V.D.C. SPORTS.

In connection with the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps sports on June 1st, the arrangements for which are well in hand, a practice tug-of-war is to be held at Headquarters to-morrow.

On Wednesday the Engineer Company football side as chosen by the Selection Committee, will play their 1st round, against the Machine-gun Platoon at 3.30 p.m. and on Thursday the Engineer Company will practice sprinting and relay racing at Happy Valley.

GOLF AT SHANGHAI.

THIRTY-NINE HOLE CHAMPIONSHIP.

Never before in the annals of golf in Shanghai has so exciting and determined a championship match taken place as was seen at Kangnan on April 19th. It was the final of the Shanghai Golf Club championship, and was carried to the 39th green, when M. W. Budd beat J. F. Picher by holing out a putt of about four feet, after his opponent had missed the hole by about two inches. The weather was warm, and there was a fairly strong wind blowing, across the course generally at the first and second and sixth holes but otherwise fairly true.

"DRIVE" OF BEGGARS.

SMALL BOY'S \$300 CHEQUE.

More incidents in connection with the vigorous police crusade which is being pursued against local mendicants, who have proved such a source of annoyance in the Colony of late, were mentioned at the Central Magistracy on Saturday.

It was stated that on Friday night another batch of 25 mendicants were deported to Canton by the police and that three children found begging the same day had been sent to Po Leung Kuk.

Three persons were charged before the Magistrate with begging; two having been arrested in Leo House Street and one at Battery Path.

On one of the defendants, a woman, who had a small boy with her, was found a cheque, drawn on the International Banking Corporation in favour of the boy for \$300.

It seemed that the money was a donation from a Chinese gentleman. An endorsement on it stated that the money was to be paid to the boy when he reached the age of five years.

Major Stanford presented prizes, including the league shield (Bellios Shield) to the team from H.M.S. Hawkins, winners for 1925.

R.M.O.C.A. v. SOUTH CHINA.

The rifle competition which had been arranged among members of the Royal Marines Old Comrades' Association of Hongkong and South China, to take place at Stonecutters Island range yesterday, has been postponed until Sunday, May 3rd.

CANTON NEWS.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

HIGHER PRICES.

As a consequence of the commandeering of rice by Kuomintang troops at Boccas Tigris, through which imports to Canton must pass, and the interference with the oil and the flour trades by other taxation than the usual Customs duty, prices of these articles on the Canton market have been unsteady for some time. According to the 72 Commercial Guilds' quotations of April 24th, rice was selling from \$3.30 to \$12.40 a picul; kerosene oil, \$8.40 to \$10.80 a case; and flour, \$4.40 to \$5.25 a sack. Later reports, but not in the Guild quotations, stated that flour was selling at \$8.00 a sack. A month ago kerosene oil was sold at about \$6.00 a case.

BANDITRY AND POLITICS.

Anti-Bolsheviks assert that the capture of a Standard Oil Company compradore and the holding of him to ransom for \$500,000, the kidnapping of a Hongkong Nam Pak Hong merchant in order to exact \$48,000, and the recent detention of more than 15 rice junks carrying rice from Hongkong to Canton have political connections, but so far there is no direct evidence to support the accusation. Mr. Chan Kim Tong, the Nam Pak Hong Chinese merchant of Hongkong, who was taken while on a ferry from Canton Harbour, has been heard from. The Hongkong Standard Oil Company compradore's whereabouts is not known.

LUXURIES TAX POSTPONED.

Deferring to the protest of the workers connected with the jade and ten other manufactures popularly considered as luxuries in Canton, for which products a luxury tax of three to six per cent. was recently imposed, the acting Generalissimo of the Kuomintang Army in Canton on April 24th postponed the date for the enforcement of the tax. The tax was to have been put into force on April 1st, but on account of opposition, it was postponed to April 18th. The present postponement is indefinite. On April 22nd and 23rd more than 10,000 workers surrounded the Government House petitioning the Generalissimo and did not disperse till late in the evening, when word was circulated that the enforcement of the tax would be temporarily suspended. The workers are asserting that they will fight until the tax is definitely cancelled.

MAY DAY.

At the request of the Stevedores Union, supported by many others, the Civil Governor of Canton has proclaimed May Day a legal holiday, as far as his jurisdiction is concerned. The question of closing the Customs House, the Governor says, will have to be referred to the Commissioner of Customs.

Of the 500 labour delegates coming to attend the Second National Conference of Chinese Labour to be held at Canton beginning May Day, 200 are expected from other ports and cities than the cities of the Kwangtung Province and Hongkong, Canton and vicinity, including Houghkong, expect to have 300 delegates.

THE GAMBLING MONOPOLY.

It is feared that the trouble over dividing the \$5,000,000 from the Enanin and the \$1,500,000 from the Pak-kap-ping Gambling Tax in Canton among the several mercenary troop units may lead to a local armed conflict. General Fan Shek Shang of the 2nd Yunnanese Corps, who has been enjoying the proceeds for the past year, is now in Kwangsi contesting the invasion of General Tang Chi Yao, but he has written to say that he will consider himself the monopolist of the traffic. In the meantime, General Yang Hsi Min and General Liu Chen Huan, are seeking to control the traffic.

RENT RESTRICTION.

Taking advantage of the ascendancy of labour in the control of the city, the small shop proprietors, have decided to induce the labour unions to support an appeal for the restriction of rents which are now frequently increased by the landlords.

HONGKONG IMPORTS.

The following notes are from the fortnightly circular of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, dated April 24th:—

Cotton Piece Goods and Fancy Cotton Goods.—This market is stagnant.

Cotton Yarn.—There is no change in the state of our market, absolutely no sales having been effected, and the situation could not well be worse than it is at present. Deliveries have dwindled almost to nothing. Quotations are: No. 10s at \$204 to \$220, No. 12s at \$210 to \$222, No. 16s at \$220 to \$235, No. 20s at \$230 to \$235. Arrivals, 800 bales. Shipments, nil. Sales, nil. Unsold stock, 12,500 bales. Bargains, 2,000 bales. Woollens.—No change. Market lifeless.

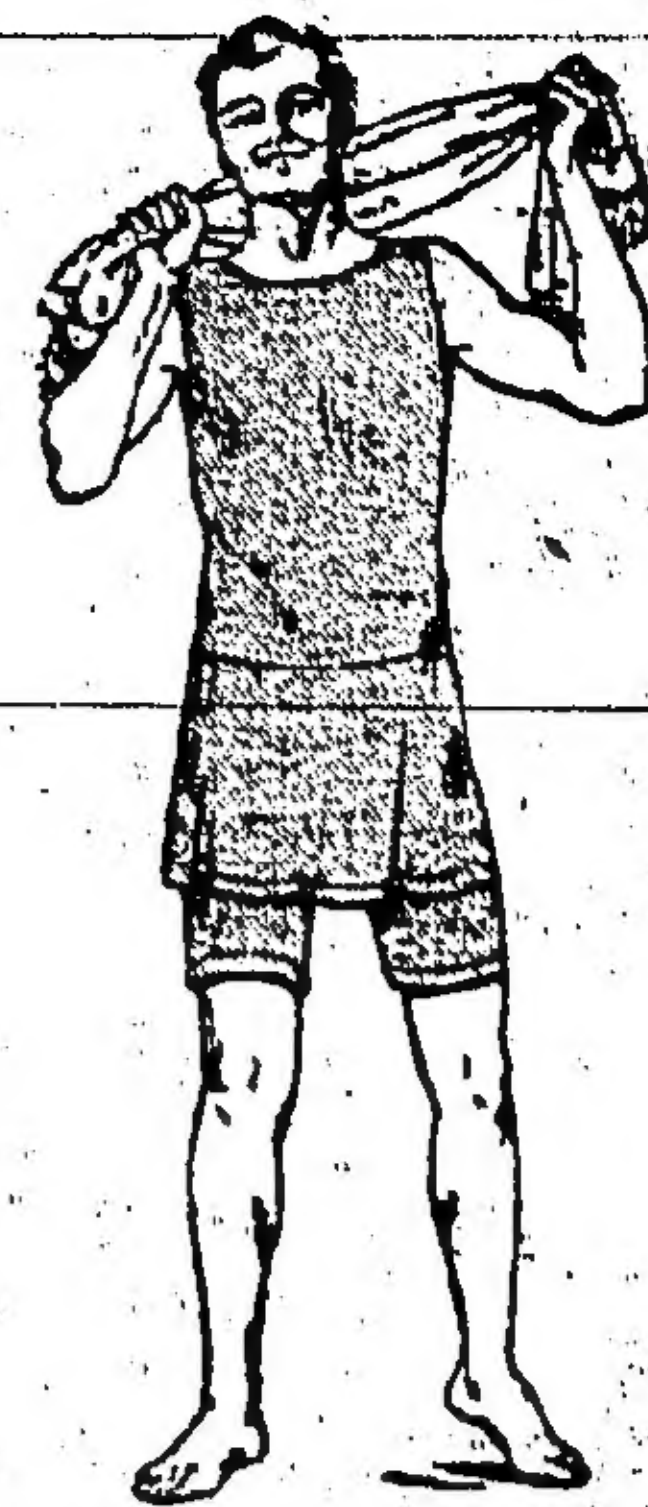
Raw Cottons.—There is no change to report.

Metals.—Business remains stagnant, with local prices inclined to sag.

Flour Market Report.—Stock: 520,000 sacks. Market steady. Quotations (per sack): American Patent, \$4.80; American Straight, \$3.75; American Cut off, \$3.65; Shanghai Flour, \$3.70; Australian No. 1, \$3.70; Canadian Cut off, \$3.30.

Sundries.—Market quiet.

Sugar.—Stock: 9,500 bags. Good demands forthcoming from Pakhoi for over 10 per cent. refraction.



BATHING COSTUMES

You will need a Bathing Costume soon for the warmer days bring with them the opportunity for sea bathing and the host of other water sports the mere thought of which makes one's eyes sparkle with joyful anticipation. To add another joy to the list you should bathe in one of L.C.'s new pure wool costumes! Visit

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NOTICE

WE HAVE THIS DAY Authorized M. C. OFFERSON to Sign for Our Firm in Hongkong for Procurement.

JESSEN & CO.,
6, Queen's Road Central.
Hongkong, 27th April, 1925. [2143]

KOWLOON BOWLING GREEN CLUB

CLUB COMPETITIONS, 1925.

MEMBERS are Reminded that Entry Forms for CLUB COMPETITIONS, SEASON 1925, are Now Posted in the Club House. All Entries CLOSE on MONDAY, 11th MAY.

B. WYLLIE,
Hon. Secretary.

THE CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FORTY-FOURTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the General Manager, 14th May, 1925, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Manager, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1924.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 1st to the 14th MAY, 1925, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 27th April, 1925. [2146]

YACHTING.

"TREVESSE TROPHY."

THE FIRST BIENNIAL RACE will take place on WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, the 29th INSTANT, commencing at 4 p.m. from CHANNEC ROCK.

Visitors are Cordially Invited and a Launch will leave SHARP PEAR at 3 p.m. for the Use of Anyone wishing to be Present.

A. W. TICKLE,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 27th April, 1925. [2127a]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP CO., LTD.

CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer "DIOMED" are hereby notified that the Cargo will be discharged into Hoi's Wharf, Kowloon, where it will lie at Consignees' risk and subject to Terms and Conditions of Storage at Hoi's Wharf. The Cargo will be ready for Delivery from Godowns on and after 27th April.

Optional Cargo will be landed, unless Notice has been given prior to Steamer's arrival.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesday and Friday between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and Noon within the free storage period.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Steamer's Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 4th May, will be subject to Rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 18th May, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 27th April, 1925. [2144]

PRINCE LINE FAR EAST SERVICE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM NEW YORK.

THE Steamship "SIBERIAN PRINCE" having arrived from the above Port on 21st instant, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on Tuesday, 28th INSTANT, at 10 a.m.

All Claims must be presented within 15 days of the Steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 29th INSTANT, will be subject to Rent.

Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified that they must produce an Import permit issued by the Superintendent of Imports and Exports, Hongkong, before Bills of Lading can be countersigned.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by **FURNESS & CO., LTD.,**
2nd Floor, 23, 24, 25, Building,
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Hongkong, 21st April, 1925. [2134]

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For further Particulars, Apply to **MACKINNON, MACKENZIE & CO.,**
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Hongkong, 22nd April, 1925. [2135]

INTIMATIONS

CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

THE TWENTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company, will be held at the Office of the Company, "St. George's" Building, No. 6, Cornhill Road, on MONDAY, the 27th APRIL, 1925, at 11.30 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Manager, for the year ended the 31st December, 1924, and Electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, the 16th APRIL, 1925, until MONDAY, the 27th APRIL, 1925, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 26th April, 1925. [2092]

THE HONGKONG TUG & LIGHTER CO., LTD.

THE FIRST ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at St. George's Building, Charter Road, Victoria, on THURSDAY, the 7th MAY, 1925, at 2.30 o'clock p.m. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Manager for the period ended 31st March, 1925, and Electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Monday, the 4th MAY, 1925, until Thursday, the 7th MAY, 1925, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 21st April, 1925. [2135]

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.

NOTICE.

NEW ISSUE OF CAPITAL.

SHAREHOLDERS are hereby Notified that the Second and Final Call of \$5 per Share on Shares of the New Issue is payable on or before the 1st day of MAY, 1925.

Cheques should be sent addressed to the Company, together with Certificates of Title in respect of the First Call, when Fully paid Certificates will be issued.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company in respect of the New Issue of Shares will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 22nd day of April, until SATURDAY, the 2nd day of May, 1925 (both days inclusive), during which period No Transfer of Shares of the New Issue can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 20th April, 1925. [2086]

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Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd April, 1925. [2141]

INTIMATIONS

NOTICE.

MR. SYDNEY HAMPDEN ROSS, Chartered and Incorporated Accountant, has been admitted a Partner in our Firm. **PERCY SMITH, BETH & FLEMING,** Incorporated Accountants. [2139]

NOTICE.

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MARRIAGES.

KLYNN-WHYNNE—At Shanghai, on April 18th, **LAWRENCE KLYNN** of Mr. and Mrs. T. WHYNNE of Shanghai.

McLURE-McNAIL—At Shanghai, on April 18th, **ALEXANDER McCLURE**, third son of Mr. and Mrs. A. McCLURE, of Glasgow, to **HELEN McNAIL**, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. McNAIL, of Kilwinning and Glasgow.

DEATHS.

DAVIS—At Singapore, on April 18th, **EDWARD DAVIS**, of the Asiatic Petroleum Co., Ltd., Malacca, son of **ALDERMAN H. E. DAVIS**, of Gravesend, Kent, aged 31.

SMITH—At Horley, Surrey, on March 27th, **GEORGE MORTON SMITH**, of Dordwell & Co., Ltd., London, and late of Hongkong, aged 44.

Hongkong Office: 14, Charter Road.

London Office: 131, Fleet Street, E.C.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, APRIL 27th, 1925.

THE SURPLUS WEALTH OF OVERSEAS CHINESE.

An interesting little paragraph appears in the Chinese Press to the effect that the Cabinet has decided to issue special orders to the various provincial governments urging them to give effective protection to all wealthy Chinese merchants from abroad who may wish to participate in the development of the vast natural resources of China. It is represented that many wealthy Chinese merchants in foreign countries would return to China and invest "their surplus capital" in industrial enterprises if the Central Government would allow them "special concessions and facilities."

The chief reason given for this desire to return with their wealth to their native land is that "Chinese businesses in foreign countries are now being heavily taxed by the Governments of the foreign territories in which they exist." We can quite understand any Government in China being envious of the Chinese capital invested in foreign countries, but

the paragraph from which we have quoted overlooks the fact that this capital has not been exported from China to any considerable extent but has been almost entirely created in the foreign territories in which the Chinese overseas apply their talents and business energy. What these men have been able to do abroad others of their fellow-countrymen could doubtless be found to do at home if—and it is an "if" of cardinal importance—the Chinese Government could guarantee to their similar security for the rewards of their toil to that they enjoy in any foreign territory to which they have been attracted. It is sheer nonsense to say that the heavy taxation imposed on Chinese business in foreign countries is causing them to desire to return to China, "with their surplus wealth."

Evidently, the taxation does not impoverish them if they are able to accumulate surplus wealth. If the tens of thousands of Chinese dwelling in foreign lands were not well convinced that they enjoy greater advantages abroad than would be assured to them at home, it can confidently be said that they would not remain abroad. Readers who can carry their minds back to the time of the Revolution of 1911, will recollect that numbers did come back to China to aid in the building up of the new republic, but as Dr. McNair in a recent very informative volume on the relation of China to her nationals abroad, observes: "Many of these patriotic men gave up in despair when they found that all obstacles to honest and modern Government had not disappeared with the fall of the Manchus, and they returned to their homes abroad." The conditions in China have not improved with the passing of the years, but, on the contrary, have grown steadily worse. Nevertheless, we count it a good sign that the Cabinet has been giving consideration to the causes which operate to drive enterprising men from China to seek their fortunes abroad. The very nature of the appeal which the Cabinet is reported to have made to the Provincial Governments, sufficiently discloses the reason why Chinese who have made their fortunes abroad "think twice about returning home with them to seek opportunities of remunerative investment in China. A big field offers for industrial enterprises of many kinds in China, and there can be little doubt that the overseas Chinese would invest a large proportion of "their surplus capital" in them, if they could be assured of the same protection and security for their capital that they enjoy elsewhere.

A letter from "Justice" was received too late for publication in this issue.

H.E. the Governor has appointed Mr. S. B. B. McDermott to act as First Police Magistrate and Coroner.

Damage to the extent of \$60 was caused by a junk in collision with the steam launch *Long Ching* in the Harbour on Friday. Nobody was injured.

Sir Edward Pearce had to go into Dr. Ann Fearn's Sanatorium at Shanghai on April 18th to undergo a minor operation. He was reported next day to be going on well.

A coolie, employed by the Sang Lee Co., who was severely injured through falling down Morrison Hill while at work on Friday, died in the Government Civil Hospital shortly after being admitted.

The annual dinner of the Arts Association was held in the Great Hall of the Hongkong University on Saturday evening. There was a large and representative company present and an enjoyable evening was spent.

A fire which broke out on the 21st inst. in a coolie and beggar settlement at Tai-rung-mee, Chapel, close to Shanghai, destroyed every one of the 300 huts constituting the village, 50 of whose inhabitants perished.

The engagement is announced between Lieut. Commander Clement Ellis, R.N., and Madeline, younger daughter of the late Herbert George Dowler, of Shanghai, China, and Mrs. Dowler, 25, Fitz George Avenue, West Kensington.

It is reported that a clash between the new police of the British concession at Shanghai and workmen from Messrs. A. S. Watson's aerated water factory, on April 22nd, resulted in the arrest of the workmen, after some spirited fighting.

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Mr. A. G. Stephen left Shanghai for home on April 19th by the s.s. *Trafalgar* and will be absent from Shanghai for anything up to a year. A number of friends were at the jetty to wish her a happy voyage and safe return.

Among the passengers who left for Europe yesterday by the M.M. liner *Paul Leroy* were Mr. F. H. Poutgeon, (chief accountant of the Hongkong & Shanghai Bank) and three children, Mrs. R. A. Hale, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Marvel and Mrs. Marvel, sen.

Mr. Chow Kuo-hsien, Chinese Consul-General to Canada, left Shanghai to assume his new post by the *Empress of Australia*. Mr. Chow, who is the son-in-law of the Chinese scholar and jurist, Mr. Liang Chih Chiao, was formerly Chinese Consul-General in the Philippine Islands.

Mr. J. K. Brand, the popular amateur jockey at Shanghai, has been taken to hospital on account of an attack of scarlet fever. It is satisfactory to know that Mr. Brand is not considered to be in any danger, as it is but a slight attack, but unfortunately it will keep him out of the saddle for the Spring Meeting.

Mr. C. Thorne, Commissioner of Customs at Kiangsi, who is residing in Japan after 30 years' service, landed over-charge of the Kiangsi Customs on the 18th inst. to his successor, Mr. E. Klubiens, and with Mrs. Thorne is visiting the Yangtze, Gorges and Peking before going home by way of Korea, Japan and Canada.

Prior to his departure from Shanghai for home this week, Mr. E. F. Maokay, the head of the local branch of Messrs. Butterfield & Swire, was entertained at a farewell luncheon at the Shanghai Club on April 21st, by the Committee of the St. Andrew's Society, in recognition of his whole-hearted work on behalf of that body.

Sir Newton Stubb, Mr. H. D. C. Jones and Mr. T. H. Whithead attended the annual dinner of the British Overseas Banking Association at the Hyde Park Hotel on March 31st, when the chief guests were the Rt. Hon. W. G. O'Riagh, G.C. (Parliamentary Under-Secretary for the Colonies), and Sir Robert Horne.

The *Unionist Gazette* states that a number of wireless experts and engineers were sent recently from Canton to effect repairs to the wireless stations in the Swatow area. Communication, the paper adds, with Canton, Hongkong, Wuchow, Shantung, Chaochow and Kowloon was resumed on the 21st inst. The dispatch of official messages will thereafter be much facilitated.

The engagement is announced between Lieut. G. L. Roome, R.N. (retired), second son of Engineer Rear-Admiral G. W. Roome, C.R.E., R.N. (retired), and Vera Mary, only daughter of Professor J. S. S. Brame and Mrs. Brame, of Blackheath. Engineer Rear-Admiral Roome will be remembered by many residents in the Colony as having been formerly stationed in Hongkong.

Notice is given that H.E. the Governor proposes to make an order under the Streets (Alteration) Ordinance, 1924, for the closing of Middle Road, Kowloon, from the south-east corner of Kowloon Inland Lot No. 414 to its junction with Salisbury and Chatham Roads. Any person objecting to the proposed order must send his objections in writing, so as to reach the Colonial Secretary at his office not later than the 11th May.

Lieut. Comdr. W. A. Horton, who was recently recalled to England to take charge of the engine-room of the Antarctic ship *Discovery*, which is to sail from Portsmouth in May on a scientific expedition to South Georgia and the South Shetlands, arrived at Victoria, B.C., on March 23rd from Shanghai on the R.M.S. *Empress of India*. Lieut. Comdr. Horton was chief engineer on the *Terra Nova* on Captain Scott's ill-fated journey to the South Pole in 1910-13.

The Senatus Academicus of the University of Edinburgh is to confer the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws upon Sir Charles Stewart Addis, K.C.M.G., a Director of the Bank of England, and for many years associated with the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation. Sir Charles will have the degree conferred, along with other distinguished recipients, at the Graduation Ceremony in July. A similar honour was conferred upon Sir Charles by the University of Hongkong in 1922.

Another jockey who will be absent from the Shanghai Spring Meeting is Mr. E. A. Brodie, the promising pupil from the Gordon Road Riding School, who so quickly gained promotion from the ranks of the novices and was hailed by many as the coming jockey, even though it was obvious that he would have to fight against weight, says the N.C. *Daily News*. Mr. Brodie has been transferred to the Hongkong office of the Union Insurance Society of Canton, and is not likely to want for mounts on Saturday next, his name already having been mentioned in connection with two ponies expected to run prominently.

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LATEST CABLES.
[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]
THEIR MAJESTIES RETURN.
KING AND QUEEN GREETED AT VICTORIA.
CHECKING CROWDS ON ROUTE.

LONDON, April 26th.
Their Majesties, the King and Queen, arrived at Victoria Station at 1 p.m., beamed and very cheerful. They were welcomed by the Duke and Duchess of York, Prince Henry, Prince George, Princess Mary and Viscount Lascelles, and Prince Arthur of Connaught. Later they drove to Buckingham Palace in an open carriage. The short route was lined for the entire length by multitudes who cheered enthusiastically.

EARLIER CABLES.
M. PAINEVE, DECORATED.
PARIS, April 26th.
R.M. the King of England has decorated M. Painlevé with the Grand Cross of the Victoria Order.
Their British Majesties, the King and Queen, arrived at the Elysée, Lord and Lady Curzon, M. and Madame Herriot, M. Painlevé, M. Briand, and Madame Poincaré, Marshal and Madame Foch, Marshal Foch, General Franchet d'Espèrey, M. Jules Cambon and M. Marcel Prevost being present.

LATEST CABLES.
ANZAC DAY IN LONDON.
REMARKABLE SCENES AT THE CENOTAPH.
REMARKABLE OF FOOTBALL CROWD.

LONDON, April 26th.
There were remarkable scenes at the Cenotaph today. The High Commissioners for Australasia had to struggle through a vast crowd in order to place wreaths on the occasion of Anzac Day. Thousands of men and women from Yorkshire and Wales, who had arrived to attend the F. A. Cup final, wearing football colours were ranged on both sides of the road. All were reverent and quiet in contrast to the previous hilarity and excitement while journeying through the streets in charabancs and motor cars. They doffed their worldly coloured hats; there was a sudden silence and the "hush" of a million voices was more impressive than an organised demonstration of respect. The crowd had waited all the morning. Bunches of flowers, including scores of buttonholes plucked impulsively from the laps of the women, were laid at the foot of the Cenotaph.

BRITISH SHIPBUILDING.
ENQUIRY TO BE HELD INTO SERIOUS FLIGHT.
ENGINEERING INDUSTRY DISTURBED.

LONDON, April 26th.
While employers and Trade Unions in the shipbuilding industry have agreed to begin a joint enquiry into the serious plight of shipbuilding, a less conciliatory spirit marks the engineering industry, whose troubles are equally serious. The extensive of forty engineering Trade Unions assembled in London to consider the position as regards their demand for an increase of wages of twenty shillings weekly which the employers had already refused were astonished to receive a communication from the Employers' Federation, declaring the position and prospects of industry had become worse as a result of foreign competition. A drastic remedy was essential; therefore they were proposing an increase of the weekly hours from 47 to 50 in day time and to 61 at night time. Modification of overtime rates was also proposed, suggesting the employers' Unions should jointly urge the Government to approach Continental competitor nations with a view to some arrangement under treaty to secure better working conditions on the Continent.
This has greatly disturbed the labour Trade Union opinion, which believes the attitude of the engineering employers foreshadows a general movement for longer hours.

POLISH-CZECH AGREEMENTS.
POSSIBLE PRELUDE TO LESS TENSION IN EUROPE.

LONDON, April 26th.
Considerable importance is attached to the signature of the agreements between Poland and Czechoslovakia, as possibly a prelude to far-reaching developments in the situation in Central Europe.
The agreements indicate an amicable settlement of disputes, which have hampered attempts at a rapprochement, begun 2 years ago.
An important factor in the conclusion of the agreements has been the removal of the nervousness of Central European States about the German proposals for a pact of guarantee and Germany's reservation as regards her Eastern frontier.
The effect of the new development will probably be felt at the Autumn Assembly of the League of Nations when the Geneva Protocol will be reconsidered.

CABLES.

OUTRAGE AT SOFIA.
IVAN MANOFF SHOT ON REFUSAL TO SURRENDER.
SOFIA, April 26th.
Ivan Manoff, a member of the secret committee of the Bulgarian Communist Party, refused to surrender, and the police shot him dead.

LATEST CABLES.
COMMUNIST COMMENT.
RIGA, April 26th.
The *Pravda*, commenting on the Sofia outrage, says the Church showered blessings on the Bulgarian Government, but the infernal machine worked more thoroughly and destroyed the peasants' and workers' enemies.

ANOTHER WAR FEARED.
BERLIN, April 26th.
The German Government regards the situation in Bulgaria as very serious, especially the danger of intervention by Yugo-Slavia, which might easily lead to a Balkan War. The German Foreign Office welcomes the permission given to Bulgaria to increase her army; and hopes that Bulgaria thereby will deal effectively with the Communist movement.
A PAINFUL IMPRESSION.
SOFIA, April 26th.
A painful impression has been caused by a statement, alleged to have been made to foreign Press representatives by the British Labourite members of the House of Commons (Messrs. Wedgwood, Mackinder, Le Strange and Malone), who spent a few days here after the explosion in the Cathedral.
A semi-official statement declares that their statements are exaggerated and erroneous. The number of persons arrested throughout the country is 2,000 not 4,000. Those persons arrested, directly implicated in Communist activities or suspected of participation, number in killed not hundreds but only a few who refused to surrender.
It is alleged the members of the House of Commons are displeased, because they were not allowed to interview the imprisoned leaders of the conspiracy. The Agrarian leaders released, as established as not being implicated in the Communist conspiracy, number about 100. Others have also been released.

STEEPLECHASING AT HOME.
SHAUN SPADAH DEFEATS MUSIC HALL.
LONDON, April 26th.
At Sandown Park today, there was a steeplechase match between the Grand National Veterans Shaun Spadah and Music Hall. The distance was 3 miles, 100 yards.
Shaun Spadah, on whom odds of 10 to 1 were laid, won by 10 lengths.

SHOTS IN COURT.
POLISH COUNSEL FIRES AT PROSECUTION WITNESS.
WARSAW, April 26th.
During the trial in the Polish Supreme Court of 76 Communist terrorist agents, who, it is proved, received subsidies from the Soviet Legation at Warsaw, Mr. Hofmoki, the Counsel defending two of the Communists, suddenly whipped out a revolver and fired six shots at a Polish Lieutenant, who was giving evidence for the prosecution. During the ensuing disturbance, accused tried to escape but the Police and witnesses prevented them from doing so. Mr. Hofmoki was arrested.

COPING WITH COMMUNISM.
FRENCH CHAMBER'S CONFIDENCE IN GOVERNMENT.
THE TAITLINGER INCIDENT.
PARIS, April 26th.
The Chamber of Deputies by a ballot of 330-304 voted their confidence in the Government in its ability to deal with disorder. This took place after a debate on the interpellation moved by Deputy Taitlinger in reference to the Communist attack mentioned yesterday.
M. Taitlinger declared the Communists were then led by Annamites and Kabyles. He asserted the headquarters of "Patriotic Youth" noticed that their mail was disappearing. They enquired and found that an Annamite daily carried the stolen mail to the office of the Communist organ *L'Humanité*.

PRESIDENT OF PORTUGAL.
CHAMBER REFUSES TO ACCEPT HIS RESIGNATION.
LISBOA, April 26th.
The Chamber has refused, by 108-14 votes, to accept the resignation of Dr. Teixeira Gomez, President of the Portuguese Republic.
The President tendered his resignation yesterday.

BIG OPIUM HAUL.
SYDNEY CUSTOMS OFFICERS FIND ON "ARAFURA."
SYDNEY, April 26th.
Customs Officers found opium, valued at \$10,000, on the steamer *Arafura*, which arrived here to-day from Yokohama.

CABLES.

GERMAN PRESIDENCY.
CANDIDATURE KEENLY PUSHED FOR VON HINDENBURG.
COLOGNE, April 26th.
Marshal von Hindenburg's candidature is being keenly pushed in the Rhineland, the stronghold of the Centre Party. The "pfennigs" fund for his election expenses has been strongly supported. Speeches, pamphlets and leaflets on his behalf are strongly in contrast with the comparative inactivity of the Marxists. Six per cent. of the turnover of the votes will mean the election of von Hindenburg.

EARLIER CABLES.
VIOLENT CAMPAIGN ENDS.
BERLIN, April 26th.
The extraordinarily violent Presidential campaign, which is very likely to produce the closest voting on April 28th, concluded with broad-cast speeches by Dr. Marx and Marshal von Hindenburg. The former emphasised the need for democracy and peaceful development in Europe.
The Marshal, who has taken little personal part in the campaign, strongly appealed to Nationalist Sentiment. He promised to recognise that the Germans lost the war and must bear the consequences thereof, but must not remain slaves forever.
Monarchist and Republican flags were equally evident in Berlin.
Fifty excited meetings were held in the capital yesterday.
Herr Ebert, son of the late President, had the temerity to call out "Long live the Republic!" at a Monarchist meeting. He was promptly arrested by the police who indicted the usual truncheoning before releasing him.

LATEST CABLES.
INTERNATIONAL ART.
EXHIBITION TO BE OPENED IN FRANCE TO-MORROW.
PARIS, April 26th.
M. Doumergue, President of the French Republic, will officially open an international exhibition of decorative arts, on Tuesday, at which the art and industry of 22 nations will be represented. The stands and buildings cover an extensive area on either bank of the River Seine.
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EARL Balfour's RETURN.
HIS JEWISH ADMIRERS THROG TO WELCOME HIM.
LONDON, April 26th.
A large force of police restrained the dense throngs of enthusiastic Jewish admirers welcoming Earl Balfour home in London.
Earl Balfour, bronzed and cheerful, who was interviewed by Reuters, said he was more sanguine than ever about the future of Palestine. He believed if only the agitators left matters alone everything would be all right. The Jews were for working harmoniously with the Arabs.

FRENCH NAVAL BUDGET.
CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES VOTE FIRST CREDIT.
PARIS, April 26th.
The Chamber of Deputies voted a credit of 35,000,000 francs as the first instalment for building a light cruiser, three destroyers, four torpedo boats and a number of small craft, the keels of which were laid down in 1922.
The ships form part of a programme the Government shortly will submit to Parliament. The work is being pushed on to avoid unemployment in the shipyards and arsenals.

THE ENGLISH DERBY.
PICARON, PRESENT FAVORITE, IS REPORTED LAME.
LONDON, April 26th.
The trainer, Mr. Taylor, reports that the Derby favourite, Picaron, has fallen lame, and it is most unlikely that he will win in the Two Thousand Guineas.
Another report states that he has a "filled" leg. If so, the chances of the horse running in the Derby appears remote.
Picaron won the Newmarket Craven Stakes last week, and was quoted at the last Derby call-over at 3 to 1.

POLITICS IN BELGIUM.
DIFFICULTY IN FORMING CABINET.
BRUSSELS, April 26th.
M. Van der Velde has informed the King that he is unable to form a Cabinet.

CABLES.

FOOTBALL AT HOME.
SHEFFIELD UNITED VICTORIOUS IN CUP FINAL.
RESULTS OF LEAGUE GAMES.
LONDON, April 26th.
For the final of the English Football Association Cup, played at Wembley Stadium to-day, 90,000 paid for admission.
Sheffield United beat Cardiff City by 1 goal to nothing.
The Duke and Duchess of York arrived shortly before the game started. The Duke walked onto the ground amidst deafening cheers. The members of each team were presented to him before the game commenced.

THE GAME.
Sheffield were the first to attack, and continued to have the better of matters. The kicking of the Welsh backs was hurried.
Trinstall netted for Sheffield, after 10 minutes play; he rushed in and scored from close quarters. Gillespie, the Sheffield centre half-back, was prominent for skilful work, although the combination of the halves and forwards, on both sides, left much to be desired. There was no further score before the interval.

After the resumption, Nicholson, the Cardiff centre forward, had a chance of a clear shot, but passed the ball to a comrade and missed his opportunity.
Then, amidst much excitement, the Cardiff goal-keeper had to punch away a centre from Mercer, the Sheffield outside right.
There was little combined play, owing to the breaking-up tactics of both sides of halves.
Towards the end, Cardiff made a desperate effort and might have equalised, but failed through the wretched shooting of their inside forwards.
Sheffield soon recovered their grip and held out to the finish to win by one goal to nothing.
At the conclusion of the game, the crowd broke over the field and shouldered Trinstall and Gillespie to the stand, where the Duke of York presented the Cup and medals.

MR. RAMSAY MACDONALD.
Mr. Ramsay MacDonald occupied a seat immediately behind the royal box, and had to rise repeatedly in acknowledgment of cheers.
At half-time, the Duke and Duchess of York invited Mr. MacDonald to the Royal Box.
Mr. MacDonald declined the invitation on the ground that he was accompanied by friends. The invitation was then extended to his friends and repeated with such insistence that Mr. MacDonald and his party accepted and entered the Royal Box. Mr. MacDonald was hidden to sit on the right of the Duchess of York, with whom he was in close conversation until the end of the game.

LEAGUE GAME RESULTS.
LONDON, April 26th.
The following are the results of League matches played this afternoon:
THE LEAGUE: DIVISION I.
Birmingham, 2; Manchester C., 1.
Barnsley, 2; Liverpool, 0.
Burnley, 1; Aston Villa, 1.
Leeds U., 1; Arsenal, 0.
Notts C., 2; Newcastle U., 0.
Preston N.E., 1; Huddersfield T., 4.
Sunderland, 1; West Ham U., 1.
Tottenham H., 1; Nottingham F., 0.
W. Brom A., 1; Bury, 1.

THE LEAGUE: DIVISION II.
Cheltenham, 0; Barnsley, 1.
Clapton O., 1; Portsmouth, 1.
Croydon C., 0; Derby C., 0.
Crystal P., 1; Fulham, 0.
Leicester C., 1; Bradford C., 0.
Manchester U., 1; Port Vale, 0.
Oldham A., 4; Blackpool, 1.
The Wednesday, 5; Hull City, 0.
Southampton, 0; Whamton W., 1.
Stockport C., 1; Middlesbrough, 1.
Stoke, 0; South Shields, 0.

THIRD DIVISION: SOUTHERN.
Aberdeen A., 1; Queen's Park R., 1.
Barnsley, 1; B.A., 0; Bristol R., 1.
Brentford, 1; Northampton, 0.
Brighton and H.A., 2; Exeter C., 0.
Bristol C., 3; Reading, 0.
Gillingham, 1; Newport U., 0.
Luton T., 4; Southend U., 0.
Millwall A., 0; Watford, 1.
Norwich C., 2; Charlton A., 1.
Plymouth A., 1; Swansea T., 1.
Swindon T., 0; Merthyr T., 1.

THIRD DIVISION: NORTHERN.
Accrington S., 0; Lincoln C., 2.
Bradford, 1; Southport, 0.
Chesterfield, 1; Barrow, 1.
Darlington, 1; Doncaster R., 1.
Grimsby T., 4; Wigan Boro., 0.
Hartlepool U., 2; Crewe A., 0.
New Brighton, 3; Walsall, 2.
Rotherham C., 1; Nelson, 0.
Wrexham, 3; Ashington, 1.
Tranmere R., 0; Halifax T., 2.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE: DIVISION 1.
Aberdeen, 2; Motherwell, 0.
Cowdenbeath, 3; Partick C., 0.
Hamilton A., 1; Falkirk, 2.
Queen's P., 2; Raith R., 0.
Rangers, 1; Ayr U., 0.
St. Johnstone, 1; Airdrieonians, 0.
St. Mirren, 2; Celtic, 1.

AMATEUR GOLF.
T. F. ELLISON DEFEATS S. ROBINSON.
LONDON, April 26th.
At Hoylake, in the first English amateur close golf championship, T. F. Ellison (Royal Liverpool) beat S. Robinson (Southport and Ainsdale), by one up.

CABLES.

BASEBALL IN U.S.A.
LATEST RESULTS OF GAMES IN LEAGUES.
NEW YORK, April 26th.
Below will be found the results of games played in the National and American baseball leagues on Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and yesterday (Friday):

NATIONAL LEAGUE.
New York, 7; Brooklyn, 1.
St. Louis, 20; Chicago, 13.
Philadelphia, 14; Boston, 13.
Cincinnati, 12; Pittsburgh, 2.
New York, 4; Chicago, 0.
St. Louis, 4; Pittsburgh, 2.
Cincinnati, 6; Chicago, 1.
Pittsburgh, 4; Cincinnati, 2.
New York, 6; Boston, 3.
Philadelphia, 9; Brooklyn, 7.
Pittsburgh, 6; Chicago, 1.
St. Louis, 12; Cincinnati, 3.
New York, 3; Boston, 4.
Philadelphia, 10; Brooklyn, 8.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.
New York, 6; Boston, 3.
Philadelphia, 3; Washington, 0.
Cleveland, 5; Detroit, 3.
Chicago, 14; St. Louis, 3.
St. Louis, 11; Chicago, 4.
Cleveland, 3; Detroit, 10.
Chicago, 11; St. Louis, 10.
New York, 3; Boston, 1.
Washington, 0; Philadelphia, 2.
Detroit, 4; Cleveland, 3.
St. Louis, 9; Chicago, 2.
Washington, 10; New York, 1.
Philadelphia, 6; Boston, 5.
Chicago, 3; Detroit, 1.
St. Louis, 3; Cleveland, 2.
Washington, 2; New York, 0.
Philadelphia, 15; Boston, 4.
Chicago, 1; Detroit, 0.
Cleveland, 14; St. Louis, 9.
Philadelphia, 7; Boston, 6.
Cleveland, 8; St. Louis, 4.
Chicago, 4; Detroit, 3.

"RAIFUKU MARU" DISASTER.
DOMINION STEAMER FAILS IN SEARCH FOR BODIES.
HALIFAX, April 26th.
The captain of the Dominion steamer *Arcturion*, which was dispatched to search for the bodies of the crew of the Japanese freighter *Raifuku Maru*, which was lost with all hands last week, reports that he has been unable to sight any bodies or wreckage.
In consequence the search has been discontinued.

SUMMER TIME IN U.S.A.
NEW YORK, April 26th.
Summer time begins at 2 o'clock this morning.
EARLIER CABLES.
RISE OF STERLING.
EXCHANGE ON AMERICA VASTLY IMPROVED.
NEW YORK, April 26th.
Sterling has risen to 4.90 the highest since 1915.
This is due to heavy buying in anticipation that Mr. Winston Churchill, Chancellor of the Exchequer, will announce Britain's return to the gold standard in the Budget speech on April 28th.

A report is current that the Bank of England has reached agreement with the New York Federal Reserve Bank under which the latter will extend the open market for operations to purchase sterling bills whenever called upon, thus enabling the Bank of England to sell sterling bills on the local market instead of shipping gold whenever the exchange has temporarily moved against England.

BECLA MINE ACCIDENT.
ALL MINERS TRAPPED ARE RESCUED ALIVE.
WALLACE, IDAHO, April 26th.
All the miners, who were trapped at the 3,000 foot level of the Becla mine, have now been rescued alive.

EARLIER GRAVE NEWS.
WALLACE, IDAHO, April 26th.
Seventeen miners have been trapped at the 3,000 foot level of the Becla mine.
All hope of rescue has been abandoned as the rescuers who brought up three men alive from the 1,000 foot level yesterday, report that below that level the mine is full of poisonous gas.

THE NINE-POWER TREATY.
WASHINGTON IS ANXIOUS FOR FRANCE TO SIGN.
WASHINGTON, April 26th.
Official circles express the hope that France will soon ratify the two power treaties relating to China which, with the declarations regarding the use of submarines and poison gas, are the only Washington conventions still not put into operation. France alone has not ratified them.

CHU CHIN CHOW.
The spectacular musical comedy which had such a long run at His Majesty's Theatre, is to be revived with Mr. Oscar Asche in his old rôle.

CABLES.

SOVIET AND JAPAN.
THE LEADING TOKYO PAPERS WELCOME SOVIET AMBASSADOR.
TOKYO, April 26th.
The leading vernacular papers in editorial comments, cordially welcome Dr. Kopp, the Russian Ambassador. The *Furoku* demands an explanation of his Harbin speech and the *Asahi* accepts his denial; but the press generally withholds comment.

OIL IN SAKHALIEN.
SINCLAIR APPEAL AGAINST JUDGMENT.
MOSCOW, April 26th.
The Sinclair Company has appealed to the Supreme Court against the Sakhalien oil lease judgment.

POLITICAL SITUATION IN CHINA.
[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]
GOVERNMENT OF CHINA.
MODIFICATION OF CONSTITUTION ORDERED BY MANDATE.
PEKING, April 26th.
A mandate, issued by the Chief Executive yesterday, states: "Former statutes are things of the past. I hope the task of codification of the National Constitution will be carried out as soon as possible, and that the National Parliament will be convened in conformity with the Law."

This is understood to mean that the "Old Parliament" is now definitely at an end as well as the Constitution drafted in the time of Tiao Kun's inauguration to the Presidency.

"LITTLE" HSU IN LONDON.
DINNER IN HIS HONOUR AT CHINESE LEGATION.
LONDON, April 26th.
Mr. Chao Hsiu Chu, Chinese Charge d'Affaires, gave a dinner to General Hsu Shu Tsung ("Little" Hsu) and his mission at the Chinese Legation. Field Marshal Sir William Robertson, the Japanese Ambassador, Admiral Sir Alfred Chatfield, Sir John Jordan, Sir Edward Crowe, and Sir Charles Addison were among those present.
Mr. Chao Hsiu Chu, in a speech of welcome to the mission, said that the Chinese believed Tuan Chi Jui was the only statesman who could put China's house in order.
The Chinese had great hopes of being able to establish a constitutional government on a sound basis. The experience General Hsu was now gaining would be most valuable to China.

FEROCIOUS WOLVES.
TAKE HUGE TOLL OF CATTLE IN RUSSIA.
The *Investia* of March 11th says that during 1924 wolves killed 52,000 horses, 50,000 cows and calves, 25,000 other cattle and 13,000 harts. The total value of the killed cattle amounts to 4,000,000 roubles (about £200,000). Besides that, wolves destroyed a great amount of valuable fur animals. The Commission for Agriculture is asked to assign 100,000 roubles to an extermination campaign.
In some districts the population is seriously alarmed by this tremendous increase of wolves. During the winter many cases were reported of persons having been killed or bitten, not only in the fields and forests, but even in villages. Even a large provincial town like Vinka was invaded. The chief cause of this increase of wolves is general degradation of life under the Communist régime in Russia.

Mr. Justice Barrett-Lennard, of the Supreme Court, Singapore, who has been unwell for some time past, has been ordered by his medical advisers to take sick leave, and accordingly he will be leaving for England next month, probably by the *Sardinia*. His Lordship will probably spend six or eight months at home. His successor will probably be Mr. Justice Deane, who was recently transferred from his appointment as Chief Justice of the Federated Malay States to become a judge in Malaya.

Chu Chin Chow, the spectacular musical comedy which had such a long run at His Majesty's Theatre, is to be revived with Mr. Oscar Asche in his old rôle.

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"SUMMER TIME" TO BECOME PERMANENT AT HOME.

HOUSE OF COMMONS HUMOUR.

The House of Commons went far one
day last month, in the direction of de-
scribing itself of one of the few relaxa-
tions remaining to it—a Summer Time
debate. For years it has basked at this
season of the year in premature bursts
of sunshine, engendered chiefly, perhaps
the cynic would say, by the exuberance
of its own romantic imagination. For
while members have pictured in antici-
pation the ordinary citizen has been
driven to the conclusion that it has
already ceased to exist, for England at
any rate.

SPRING IN PARLIAMENT SQUARE.

Perhaps it was the hint of spring
among the trees of Parliament-square
that persuaded Lieut.-Colonel Lambert
Ward to bring out his Summer Time Bill
and obtain for it a second reading. The
subject-matter that raged outside while a
similar ceremony was being staged last
year proved to be only too distantly pro-
phetic of the summer itself. This time
the omens were more propitious, and
there seemed every indication of a
temper among all parties to give the
measure the status of a permanent in-
stead of a mere annual, as it had been bit-
terly. The House for the future will
have fixed the dates in advance. What
these dates are remains to be seen.
Lieut.-Colonel Lambert Ward's bill
aimed at making them permanently the
last Saturday in March or first Saturday
in April at one end, and the first Satur-
day in October at the other. The Home
Secretary, fired with the laudable ambi-
tion of accommodating a very earnest
agricultural opposition, gave certain
undertakings by which, though the bill
is taken up by the Government on secur-
ing a second reading, free voting will
be allowed on the report stage on the
question of duration.

For the rest the debate pursued very
largely its traditional course. Few
speakers can forbear an appeal to the
sun, and the disturbance of her natural
hours. Lieut.-Colonel Cooper-Rawson,
who seconded the second reading of the
bill, had tired of her. He preferred the
evidence of the British Medical Associa-
tion, especially when it discounted the
suggestion that daylight saving was
harmful to children, because they would
not "sleep of nights." It was not for
that House to keep order in the home,
he declared the member for Brighton; if
parents could not do it, it was "their
funeral." Family men among the mem-
bers shivered apprehensively at the
rather drastic penalty for domestic dis-
order cheerfully envisaged by the hon.
and gallant member.

THE CAUSE OF THE BUSY BEES.

Other members did not lack sympathy
with the cow. There was no mistaking
the determination of those who opposed
the bill. For the most part they had
given up their antagonism to the per-
manency of summer-time, but objected
to its extension at both ends. The bar-
rowing picture drawn by Sir Harry Hope
of what might happen to agriculture if
the bill passed made one admire the
hardihood of the farming class in choos-
ing a champion with such a name. Sir
Harry pleaded the cause of the "busy
bees" of the country, the workers on
the land and under it. He wanted to
know how the mover of the bill would
like to get up at 4.30, as the farm
labourers, the miners, and their wives
would have to do if the bill went
through. "The hon. member would not
survive many weeks," cried Sir Harry,
and his supporters cheered—perhaps a
little unkindly.

All this time gloom settled down in
an unwonted spot—the third seat below
the gangway on the Unionist side. Mr.
Macquisten, the Scottish K.C., had given
notice of a very much stronger amend-
ment than Sir Harry Hope's, and the
House, if the truth were told, had rather
looked forward to some of his cheerful
wit. When the Speaker called for the
second amendment first, the con-
sideration of Mr. Macquisten was
great. He sat thereafter turning sadly
over a formidable file of papers, while
members reflected sympathetically upon
one of the minor tragedies of Parliam-
entary procedure.

"NOTHING BUT TENNIS AND GOLF."

But Mr. Macquisten got his chance
later, and provided to make things very
hot indeed for the bill. This was a
struggle, he claimed fiercely, between
the soft-handed class and the hard-work-
ing class. They had heard of nothing
but tennis and golf. One's whole life
was to be disorganised twice a year in
order that young men and maidens might
disport themselves on motor-cycles and
side-cars in the summer evenings. Worse,
one of his friends had been driven to
take his holidays in Holland, where
summer-time is known no more.

The Home Secretary was convinced of
overwhelming support in the country for
daylight-saving. He read a formidable
list of local and trade authorities who
supported the bill. Better still, the
National Union of Agricultural Workers
in the Isle of Wight were heartily in
its favour. Doctors reported that day-
light-saving, besides other advantages,
gave children greater opportunity of see-
ing their fathers.

Unwilling to deny so great a boon to
their innocent offspring, 283 members
promptly voted for the bill, and gave it
second reading by a 225 majority.

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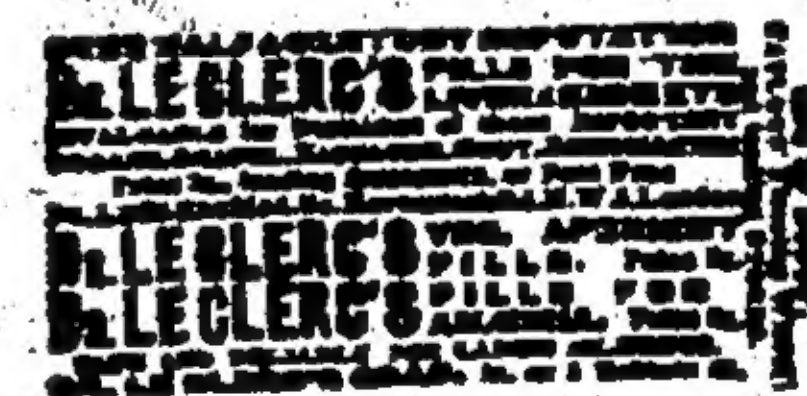
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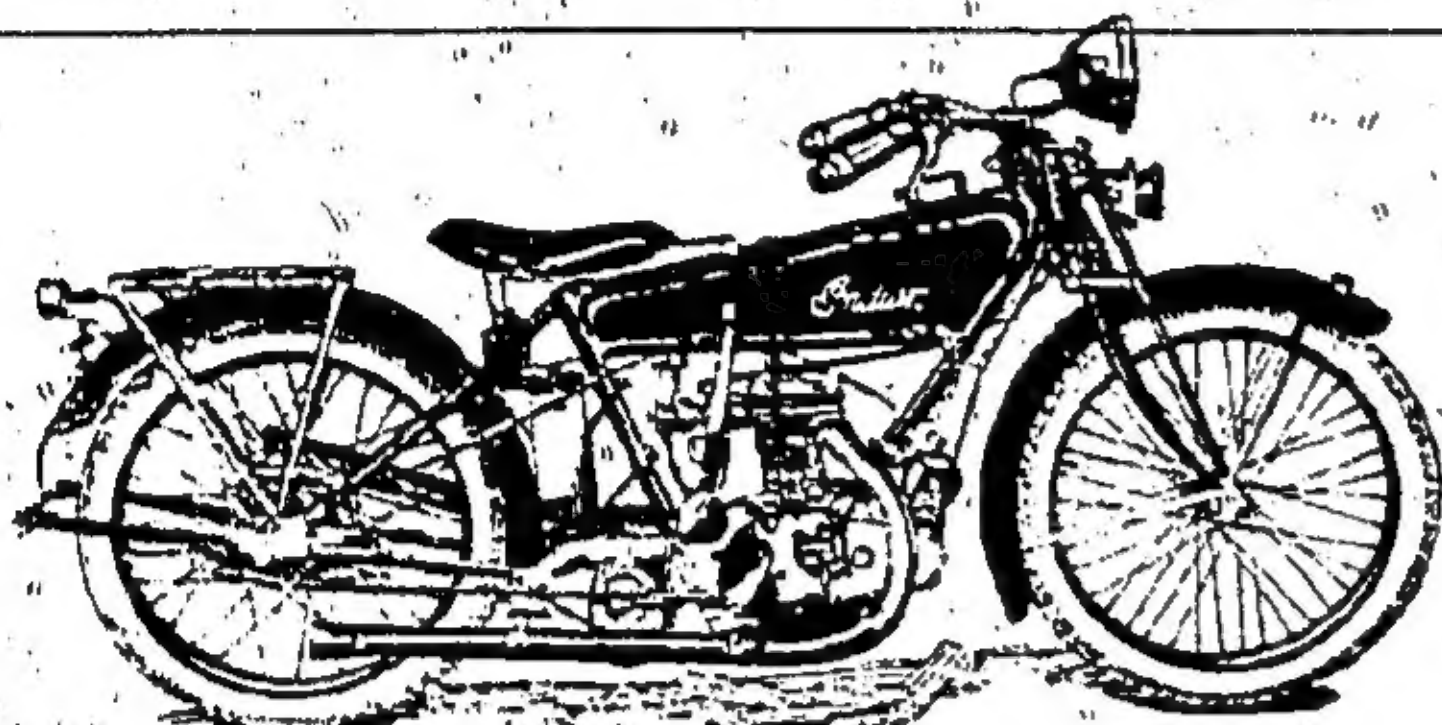
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BILLS OF LADING.

QUESTION OF GRANTING LETTERS
OF INDEMNITY.

USE OF SECOND-HAND PACKAGES.

There are some useful hints respecting letters of indemnity and clean bills of lading in the bulletin which has been recently issued by the Manchester Association of Importers and Exporters. It is stated that the question of granting clean bills of lading by shipowners for packages outwardly showing signs of damage, as in the case of second-hand barrels, indented or dusty drums, against letters of indemnity from the shippers, has been freely discussed for some time past. It will be remembered that the International Shipping Conference deprecated the action of shipowners in signing clean bills of lading when the condition or quantity of cargo was not as described, in return for a shipper's letter of indemnity. The Association remarks that condition and quantity should be clearly defined on the bill of lading, and the active support of the commercial, banking and underwriting interests should be enlisted in giving effect to such procedure. In the case of sound but apparently damaged packages, it has been suggested that means should be devised whereby the merchant can still obtain "clean" documents for banking purposes, by some agreed indication on the bill of lading implying full exoneration to banks and underwriters from responsibility and placing the onus of loss or damage upon the merchant who in turn will have obtained indemnification from the supplier. The Association recognizes that it often happens that a shipper may be carrying out the instructions of the consignee in using the second-hand packages because they are more sound, or for any other good reason. The practice, however, is condemned by the banker because he acts as principal or as agent for a third party. If he makes an advance against the shipping documents he can exercise a certain amount of discretion as to taking bills of lading with restrictive clauses, but he would certainly resent it if he knew that in order to obtain a clean bill of lading the merchant had given the shipowner a letter of guarantee. After all, it is stated, the party who has bought the goods has a right to expect that the packages are suitable for safe transport. The suggestion is made that the difficulty might be met by the shipper as follows: "Strict care should be taken by the shipper to see that the packages are such that no valid objection can be raised by the stevedores. The shipper should notify the steamship company that such remarks as 'second-hand packages' are not to be put on the mate's receipt if the packages are in reality sound. Instead of making the bare statement 'second-hand packages', the qualification in good condition might be added, the clause thus reading 'second hand packages in good condition.' The oil trade prefer seasoned second-hand barrels, but practically every bill of lading is classed: 'barrels second-hand and stained.' The banks take exception to the remark, and deal with a clause of this nature in precisely the same manner as if the bill of lading had contained a definite assertion that the barrels were 'unsuitable for the voyage and showed signs of leakage.' If bills of lading with restrictive clauses are presented to the banker, and he has to obtain authority from his client to pay, the shipper might communicate with the buyer simultaneously and ask him to authorize the banker to pay, by explaining the reason and accepting full responsibility. We understand that the council of the Association is in communication with the various shipping bodies with the view of seeing if some practical arrangement can be arrived at.

AIR ROUTE TO THE EAST.

SIR SEFTON BRANCKER'S VIEWS
ON ITS CASE.

Air Vice-Marshal Sir Sefton Brancker, Director of Civil Aviation, and Mr. Alan Cobham reached Le Bourget aerodrome on March 10th from Strasbourg at about 11.45 o'clock, after a normal flight. They were to stay the night in Paris and fly to London next day, thus concluding the four months' investigation of the air route from Europe to the East.

The main impression given by Sir Sefton Brancker's own account of his tour is of the easiness of it all. The same machine with the same engine has carried him and his pilot all the way to Hanoi, and until last week's small misadventure there has been practically no delay from outside causes in carrying out the programme planned. Even the forced landing on March 12th might not have taken place if the air route from Czechoslovakia to Germany had been organized. As it was, Mr. Cobham, after two vain attempts to find clear weather, was forced by a blinding snow-storm to come down in a ploughed field in the Black Forest. This might have been avoided if regular flying between the two countries had been organized, as it is between England and France or England and Holland, so that information as to the weather to be encountered ahead was available to pilots by wireless. It is a sad reflection on the present state of international relations in Europe that regular flying is only possible between two or three countries.

Sir Sefton Brancker himself is evidently rather pessimistic about the prospect of international air communication in Europe in the immediate future. He is full of enthusiasm for the route from Cairo to India and confident that, if the money can be found to finance the service, it could be made a commercial success. No very great sum would be necessary to provide the additional aerodromes necessary between Cairo and Baghdad, and a meteorological service. There is plenty of demand for a quicker way of getting to Europe, particularly in the Army and Civil Service in India, and amongst the native business communities in India and Burma. The Chinese merchants of Hongkong are especially keen.

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WEATHER REPORT.

April 26th at 11.05.—Pressure has decreased slightly over N. and central Japan, the Loochoo Islands and S. Formosa. It has increased moderately from the north to Shanghai and slightly over N. Formosa, S. China and the Philippines. It is nearly stationary over India.

The northern depression is now in the vicinity of Hakodate. The anticyclone over China has strengthened.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 18 hours, April 26th 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 20.91 inches, against an average of 10.77 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at 18 hours, April 27th is as follows:—

District	Forecast
Formosa Channel	N.E. winds, moderate to fresh.
Hongkong to Gap Rock	E. or variable winds, light to moderate; cloudy, misty, probably rain later.
South coast of China between Hongkong and Lameo	do.
South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan	do.

Sir Sefton Brancker thinks that a bi-weekly service from Karachi to Cairo, with aeroplanes carrying say ten passengers, could be safely tried as a start. This would bring India within 50 hours of the Mediterranean. If a regular air communication could be ensured from Egypt to England, Civil servants or others on short leave might get home within a week. Unfortunately, there is not very much prospect of the European link being realized for the present.—*The Times.*

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TSINGTAU via SWATOW	"HOSANG"	Thursday	30th Apr.	8 p.m.
SHANGHAI	"YUENSANG"	Friday	1st May	3 p.m.
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SHANGHAI via SWATOW	"MINGSANG"	Sunday	3rd May	10 a.m.
HAIPHONG via HOIHOW	"LAISANG"	Monday	4th May	7 a.m.
Kobe via AMOY & MOJI	"HANGSANG"	Tuesday	5th May	10 a.m.
BANGKOK via SWATOW	"NAUSANG"	Wednesday	6th May	10 a.m.
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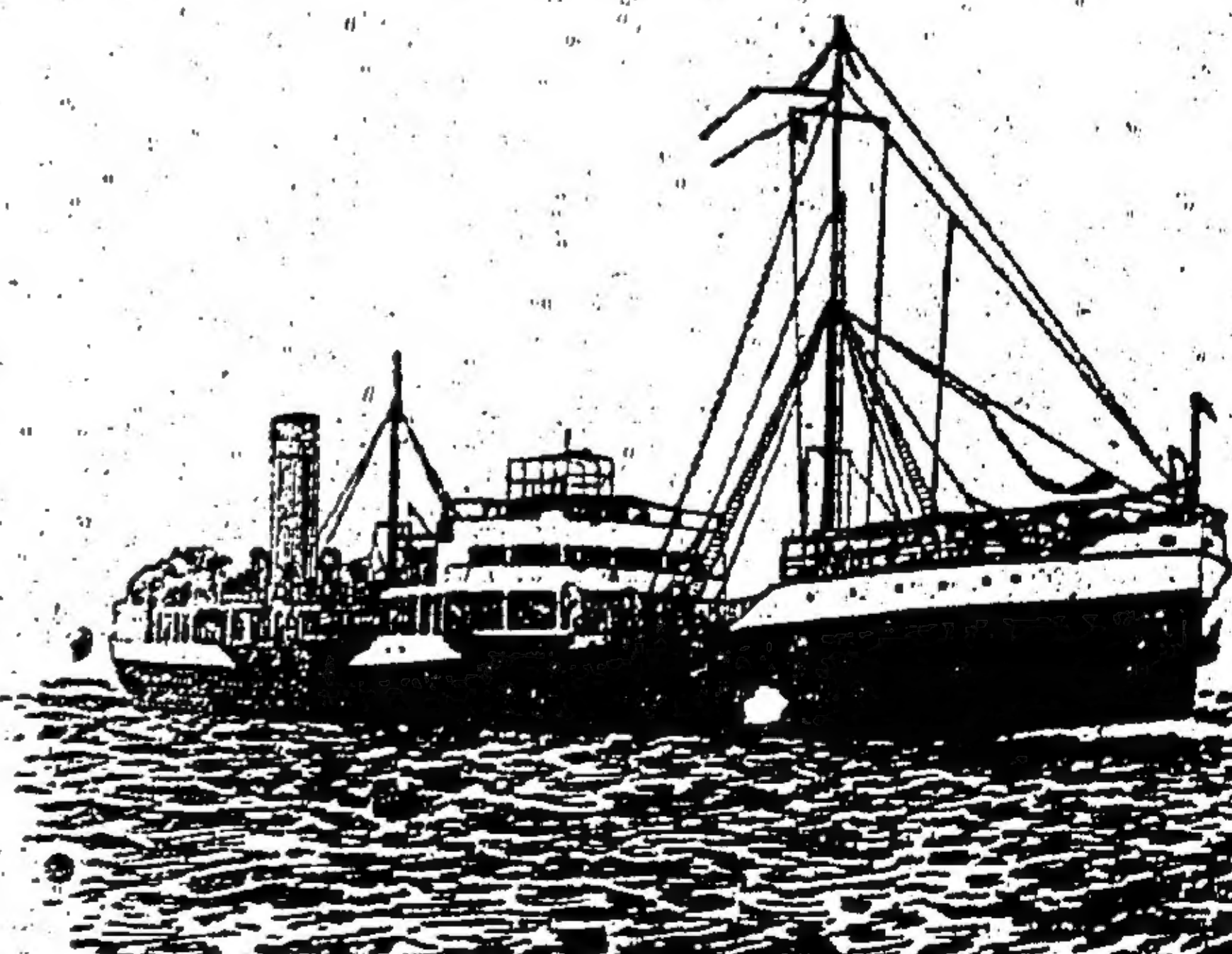
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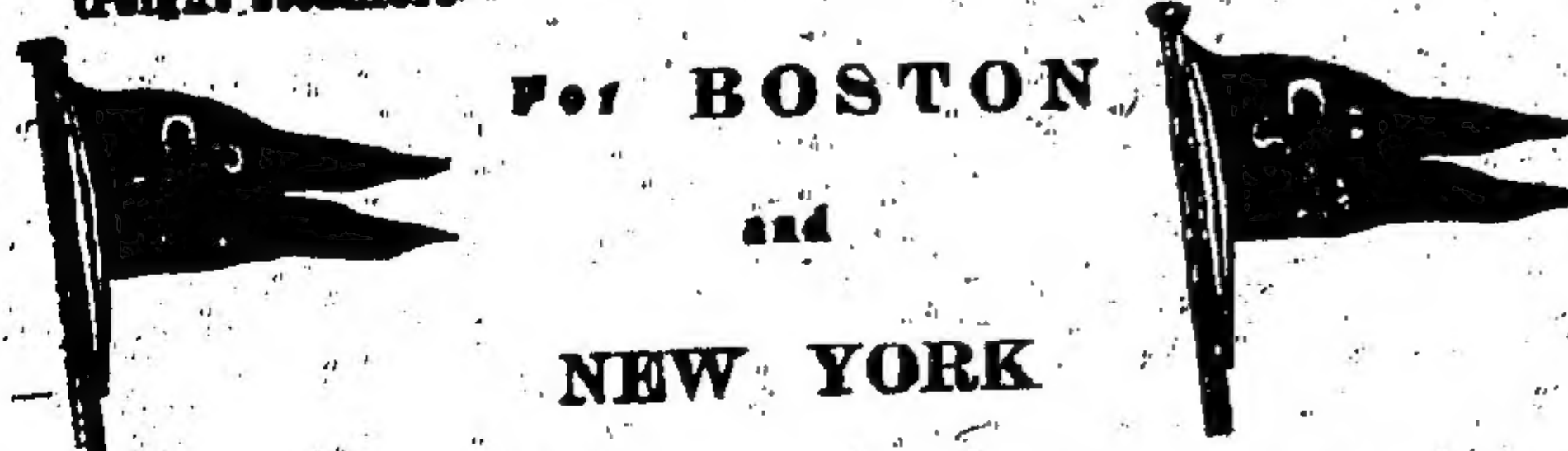
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